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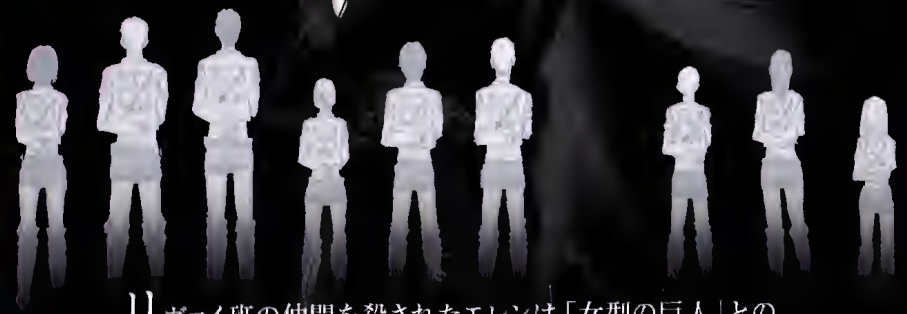

リヴァイ班の仲間を殺されたエレンは「女型の巨人」との戦いに挑むが敗北。駆けつけたミカサとリヴァイにより救出されるが、「女型の巨人」の捕獲には失敗してしまう。壁外調査の失敗と共に、エレンらの王都招集が決まり……。

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「進撃の巨人」登場人物

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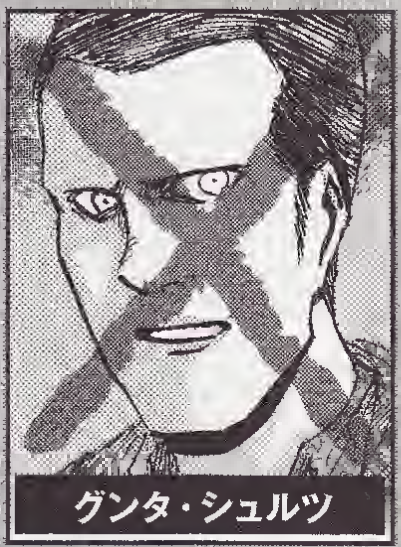
リヴァイ

人類最強と言われる、調査兵団の兵士長。

エレン・イェーガー

壁外の世界に憧れ、調査兵団に入団。肉体を巨人に変化させることができる。



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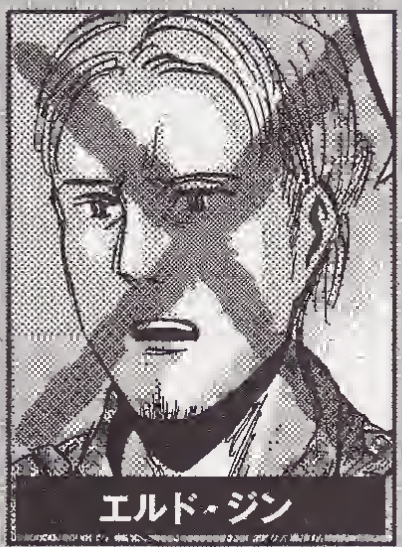

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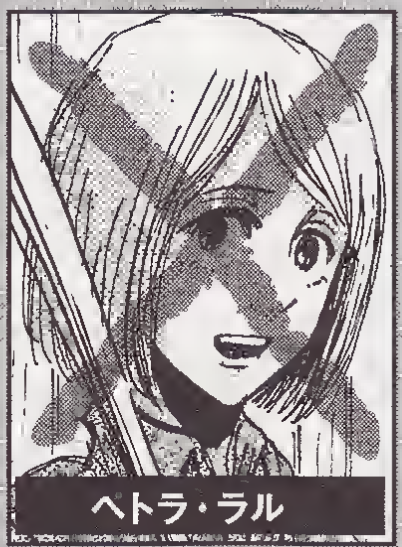

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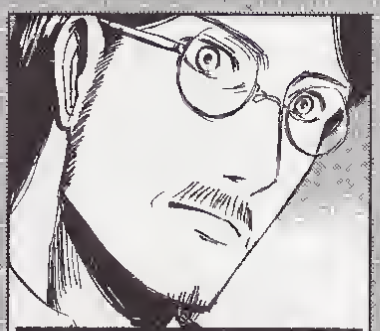
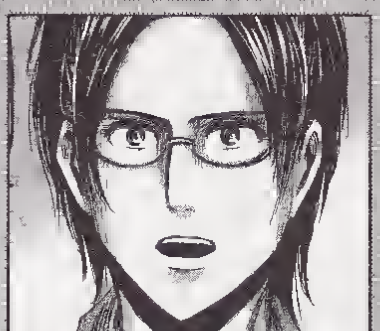


グリシャ・イェーガー

エレンの父親であり、医者。5年前の巨人の襲撃の後から行方不明になっている。



ハンジ・ゾエ

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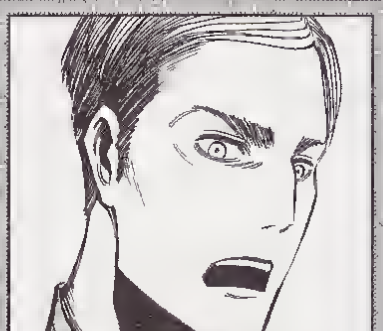

エルヴィン・スミス

調査兵団の団長。

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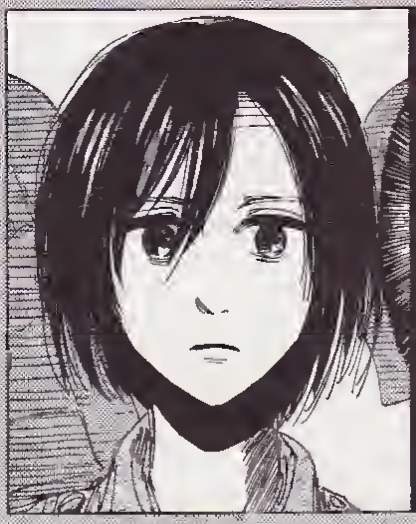
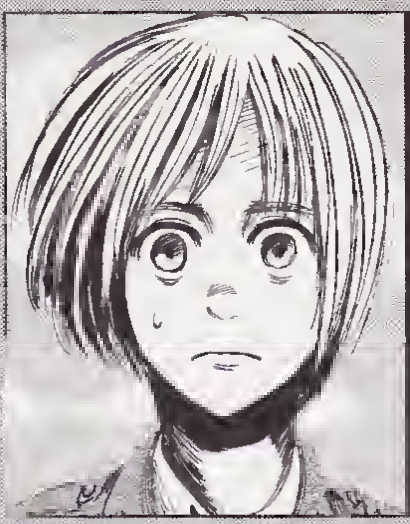


ミカサ・アッカーマン

訓練兵を首席で卒業。両親を目の前で失う。その後に共に育ったエレンを守ることに執着する。調査兵団に所属。

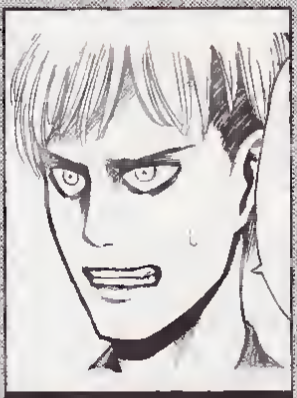


アルミン・アルレルト

エレン、ミカサの幼なじみ。運動能力は低いが、考えることに優れ非凡な発想を持つ。調査兵団に所属。

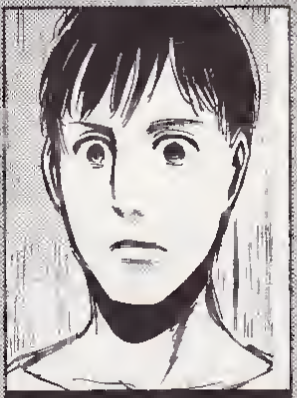
コニー・スプリンガー

小回りの利く機動が得意だが、頭が鈍く作戦理解力が低い。調査兵団に所属。



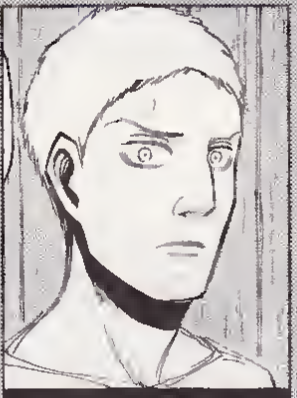
ジャン・キルシュタイン

立体機動の操作に優れる。率直すぎて他人と衝突することもしばしば。調査兵団に所属。



ベルトルト・フーバー

すべてにおいて高い能力を持つが、優柔不断で積極性に欠ける。調査兵団に所属。

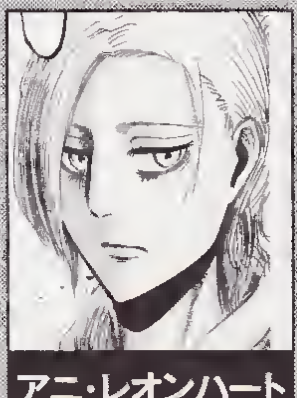


ライナー・ブラウン

次席卒業。体格的にも精神的にも優れ、仲間から高い信頼を受ける。調査兵団に所属。

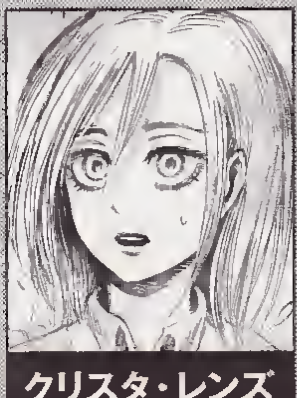
マルコ・ボット

憲兵団に入り王に仕えることに憧れていた。巨人掃討作戦の際に死亡。



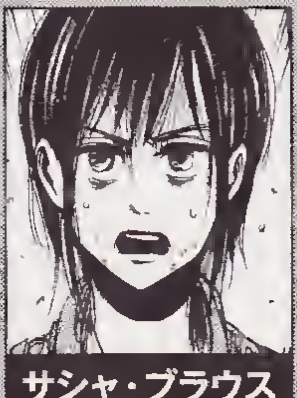
アニ・レオンハート

小柄ながらも体術に優れる。徹底した現実主義で孤立気味。憲兵団に所属。



クリスタ・レンズ

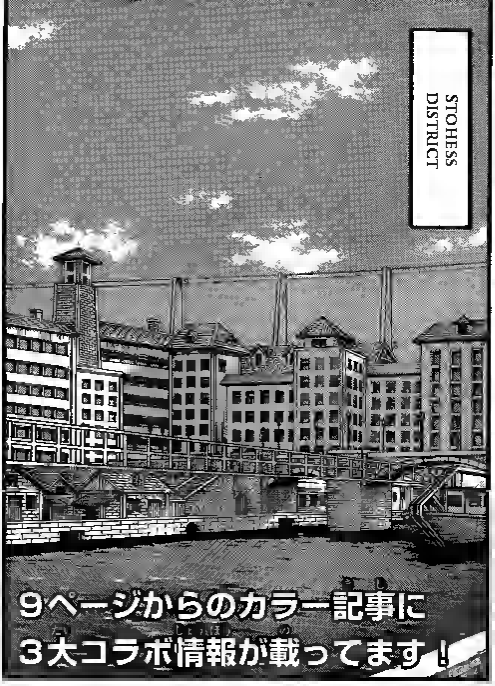
小柄で、非常に優しく細やかな性格。調査兵団に所属。

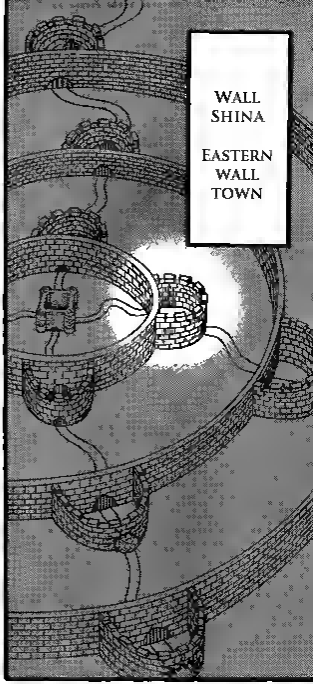


サシャ・ブラウス

身のこなしが素早く、感覚が優れている。破天荒で組織に向かない。調査兵団に所属。

CHAPTER 31
SMILE
WHETHER YOU WANT IT OR NOT, MORNING STILL COMES...
進撃の巨人
いさ
Iso
やま
yama
はじめ
Hajime





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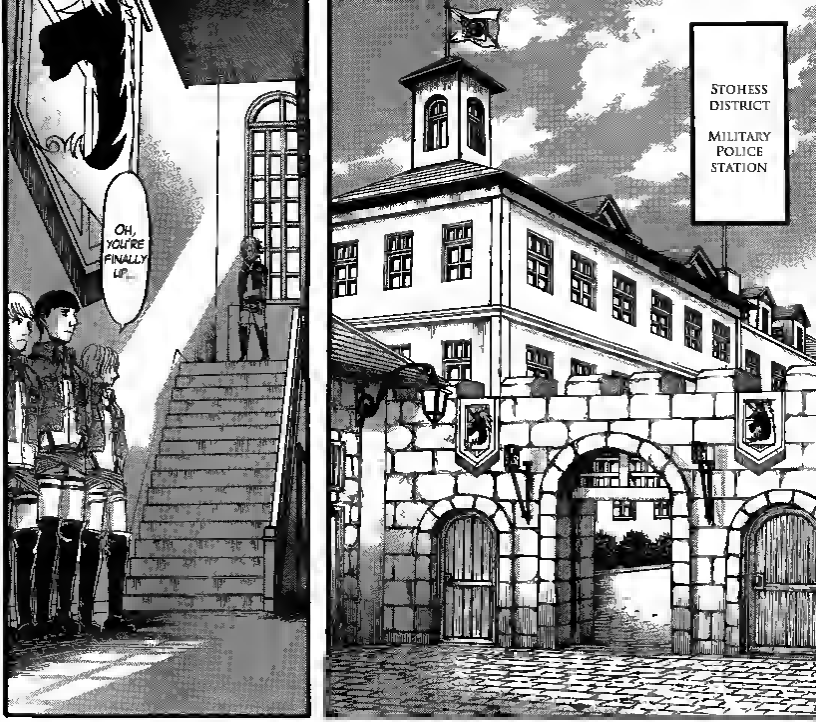
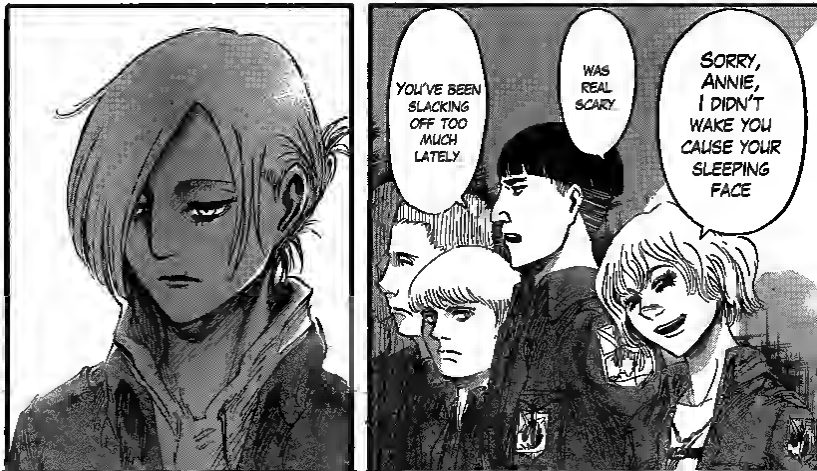
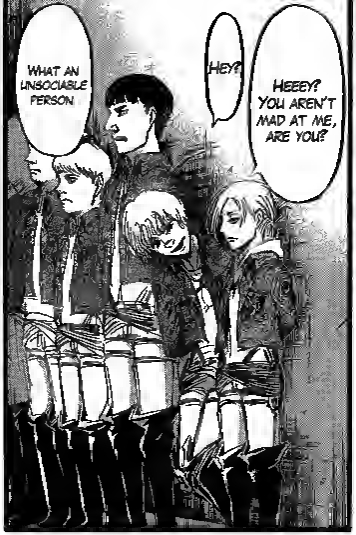
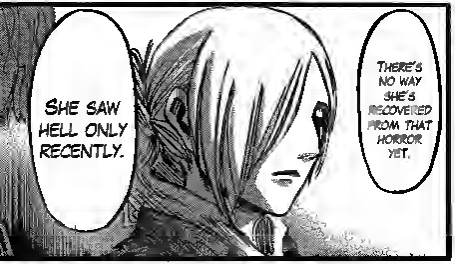
THE CONSERVATIVES WILL PROBABLY TRY TO USE THE BRAT TO INFLUENCE THE KING.
BUT WEREN'T THEY GONNA DISSECT HIM?
OH WELL. I JUST HOPE THEY'LL USE THIS CHANCE AND WALL UP ALL THE GATES.
JUST NOW YOU SAID YOU WANT THE GATES WALLED UP?
HUH?
YOU WANT THE DIVINE WALL TO BE DESECRATED BY HUMAN HANDS EVEN FURTHER, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?!
HAH?!
HEY, BETTER DON'T LAY A HAND ON HIM!
AH...
HE'S FROM THOSE WALL LOVERS WHO WORSHIP IT LIKE A GOD. DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH THEM.
I SEE. THEY'RE STILL AROUND, HUH. DAMN.
AAH... WHEN THE WALL WILL GET BREACHED AGAIN, I WONDER...

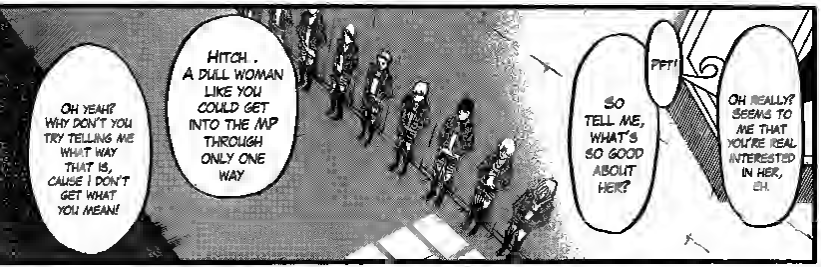

OH, YOU'RE FINALLY UP...
STOHESS DISTRICT
MILITARY POLICE STATION

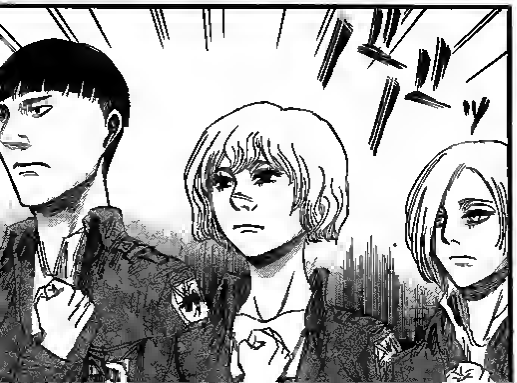

SORRY, ANNIE, I DIDN'T WAKE YOU CAUSE YOUR SLEEPING FACE
WAS REAL SCARY.
YOU'VE BEEN SLACKING OFF TOO MUCH LATELY.

LEAVE HER ALONE.
SHE CAME BACK ALIVE FROM THAT TROST DISTRICT, AFTER ALL.
SHE'S THE ONLY ONE AT OUR STATION WHO HAD ACTUAL COMBAT EXPERIENCE.


HEEEY? YOU AREN'T MAD AT ME, ARE YOU?
HEY?
WHAT AN UNSOCIABLE PERSON.


THERE'S NO WAY SHE'S RECOVERED FROM THAT HORROR YET.
SHE SAW HELL ONLY RECENTLY.


OH REALLY? SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU'RE REAL INTERESTED IN HER, EH.
PFT!
SO TELL ME, WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT HER?
HITCH. A DULL WOMAN LIKE YOU COULD GET INTO THE MP THROUGH ONLY ONE WAY
OH YEAH? WHY DON'T YOU TRY TELLING ME WHAT WAY THAT IS, CAUSE I DON'T GET WHAT YOU MEAN!



STOP IT, GUYS.
HE'S HERE

NO NEED TO BE SO TENSE.
AT EASE, GEEZ.
バサバサ
TODAY YOUR TASK WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL ROUTINES.
THAT'S WHY I GATHERED YOU ALL HERE.
NOW, LISTEN UP.
スッ…
…
I DON'T NEED TO GO INTO THE DETAILS OF THEIR FAILURE, RIGHT?
SO, ANYWAY, THEIR PARTY'S SUPPOSED TO PASS THROUGH OUR TOWN TODAY.
A PARTY FROM THE SCOUTING LEGION GOT SUMMONED TO THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL.
…!
CONVOYING THEM IS THE JOB OF THOSE FROM THE MP HQ,
SO WE ARE TO ESCORT THEM ONLY DURING THEIR PASSAGE THROUGH THIS TOWN.

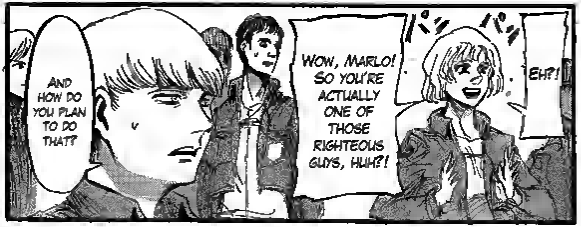
WE'RE GRANTED A TEMPORARY PERMISSION TO USE THE 3D GEAR WITHIN THE TOWN.
YOU'RE TO RUN PARALLEL TO THE CONVOY SQUAD AND REINFORCE SECURITY TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.
THAT'D BE ALL.
...
MAY I ASK A QUESTION, SIR?
HN?
WELL, SHOOT.
FROM WHAT ARE WE TO PROTECT THE CONVOY SQUAD?
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE.

I DID NOT HEAR OF ANY GROUPS WITHIN THIS WALL OPPOSING THE KING.
THERE ARE SMALL TIME CRIMINALS... BUT IT IS HARD TO THINK THAT THERE MIGHT EXIST ORGANIZED RESISTANCE FACTIONS, UNLESS THEY ARE BASED OUTSIDE THE WALL.
NOT TO MENTION I CANNOT FATHOM WHAT THEIR MOTIVE COULD BE.
WOW!
YOU ARE...
WE SENIOR OFFICERS ARE REAL BUSY.
TRY TO COMPLETE THIS MISSION ON YOUR OWN.
EH?
YOU'LL FIND ALL THE DETAILS HERE.
THEN I'LL LEAVE EVERYTHING TO YOU.
...A REALLY SERIOUS FELLA, AIN'T YA.
JUST DON'T FAIL, GOT IT?

PASSING THE WHOLE MISSION ONTO NEW RECRUITS NOT EVEN A MONTH IN THE FORCE AND NOT EVEN BOTHERING TO GIVE SOME INSTRUCTIONS!
WHAT THE HECK DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING?!
DAMN IT!!!
I DIDN'T TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT...
BUT THEY'RE DUMPING THEIR WORK ONTO NEW RECRUITS, AND AS LONG AS YOU'RE STILL A NEWBIE, YOU'LL GET MORE THAN YOUR FAIR SHARE, HUH...
OH WELL... THAT WAS THE REASON WHY I CHOSE TO JOIN IT IN THE FIRST PLACE...
YEAH, THE SENIOR STAFF OF THIS ORGANIZATION ARE ROTTEN BEYOND IMAGINATION...
HUH?
YOU'RE THE SAME AS THEM SINCE YOU CHOSE TO JOIN THE MP.
MARLO... YOU WANNA SAY YOU'RE ANY DIFFERENT?
SCUM WHO CAN ONLY THINK ABOUT THEMSELVES!
WORTH-LESS TRASH!!!
...

I JOINED THE MILITARY POLICE TO UPHOLD JUSTICE AND DO WHAT'S RIGHT!

I AM DIFFE-RENT!
DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH SCUM LIKE YOU!


AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO DO THAT?
WOW, MARLO! SO YOU'RE ACTUALLY ONE OF THOSE RIGHTEOUS GUYS, HUH?!
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パシ
EH?!

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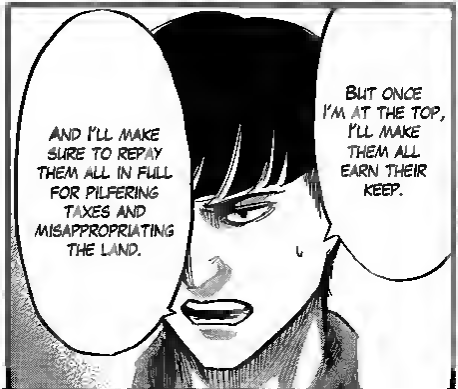
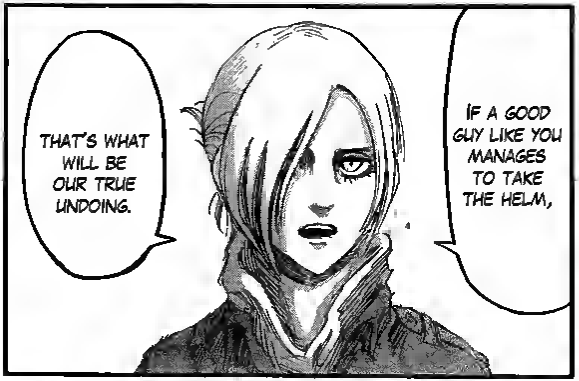

AND I'LL MAKE SURE TO REPAY THEM ALL IN FULL FOR PILFERING TAXES AND MISAPPROPRIATING THE LAND.
BUT ONCE I'M AT THE TOP, I'LL MAKE THEM ALL EARN THEIR KEEP.

I'LL DO WHAT I'M ORDERED TO, EVEN IF IT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO BECOME SCUM IN THE PROCESS
AND TILL I CLIMB UP THERE.
I NEED TO STAND AT THE TOP FOR THAT.

...!
DOES THAT MEAN...
...YOU OR YOUR RELATIVES HAVE BEEN PUT THROUGH THE THINGS YOU MENTIONED?
NO, BUT...
EVERYBODY KNOWS THOSE TALKS ABOUT THEIR EVILDOINGS ARE TRUE.
ANYWAY, I WON'T GO AS FAR AS HAVE THEM DIE FOR THEIR SINS.
BUT I'LL MAKE THEM TASTE HUMILIATION.
I'LL CHANGE THOSE MINDLESS ANIMALS CRAPPING EVERYWHERE THEY GO IRRESPECTIVELY OF TIME AND PLACE
BACK INTO NORMAL HUMAN BEINGS... THAT'S ALL I WANT.
TO RETURN THEM TO WHAT HUMANS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ORIGINALLY...

YOU'RE WRONG.
THAT'S A GRAND AND HIGH GOAL YOU HAVE.. GOOD LUCK ACHIEVING IT.
...
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST ANOTHER BORING DUDE! GOTTA APOLOGIZE FOR THAT!
YOU'RE THE REAL DEAL!
OH BOY! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!


THAT'S WHAT WILL BE OUR TRUE UNDOING.
IF A GOOD GUY LIKE YOU MANAGES TO TAKE THE HELM,
HN?

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, LET'S HEAR YOU SAY IT.
HUH... I THOUGHT YOU DON'T TALK?
.....

SUCH PEOPLE DO EXIST, AND I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT.
YOU'RE A RIGHTEOUS PERSON WHO SAYS RIGHTEOUS THINGS.
I THINK
WELL... WHAT IS CLEAR...
EVEN IF IT'S PROBABLY NOTHING BUT FOOLISH-NESS...
AND I RESPECT THAT
GOING AGAINST THE TIDE REQUIRES EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE...
AND THEY'RE NOT WHAT YOU CAN CALL NORMAL.
THEY'RE NOT COMMON,
ARE CALLED SPECIAL.
PEOPLE LIKE YOU
...IS THAT SUCH PEOPLE ARE RARE.

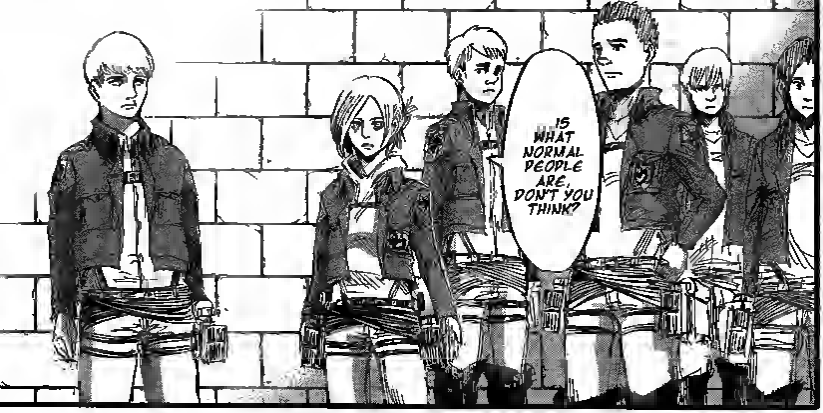
You called those people
If those around them act unjustly, they just go with the flow...
People who put their personal gain over others...
On the other hand, how people like us should be called, I wonder...

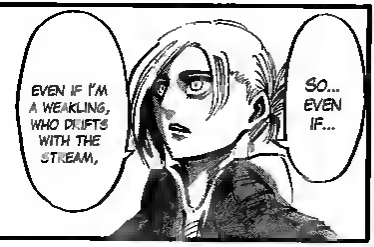
The majority were this kind of scum and bad people, aiming to join the military police.
Among the trainees I knew

And evil.
Scum, trash

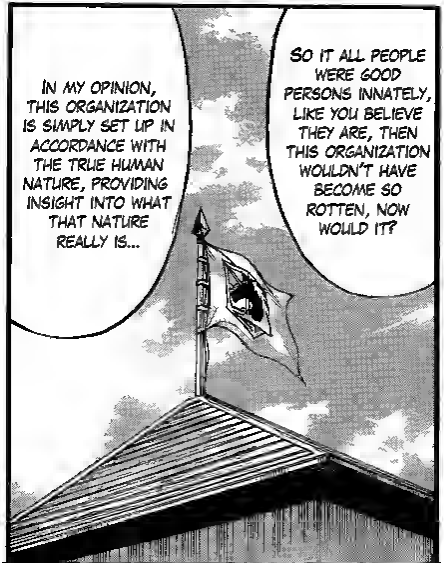
I can't consider them righteous at all... And that...
No...
I, too, think those like me are scum and most definitely bad people...

So what's your point? You want to say that people like you aren't that bad?
You sure love beating around the bush, huh..


IS WHAT NORMAL PEOPLE ARE, DON'T YOU THINK?

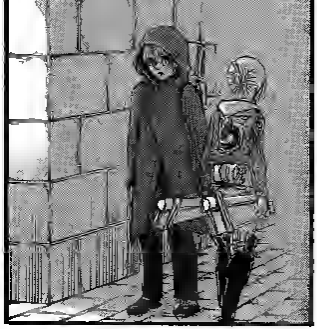

EVEN IF I'M A WEAKLING, WHO DRIFTS WITH THE STREAM,
SO... EVEN IF...

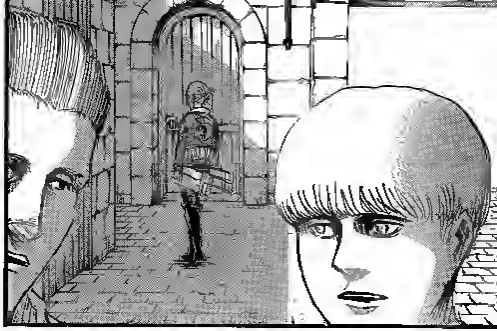
THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY
I'M STILL ONE OF THOSE 'NORMAL' PEOPLE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT..


IN MY OPINION, THIS ORGANIZATION IS SIMPLY SET UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRUE HUMAN NATURE, PROVIDING INSIGHT INTO WHAT THAT NATURE REALLY IS...
SO IT ALL PEOPLE WERE GOOD PERSONS INNATELY, LIKE YOU BELIEVE THEY ARE, THEN THIS ORGANIZATION WOULDN'T HAVE BECOME SO ROTTEN, NOW WOULD IT?

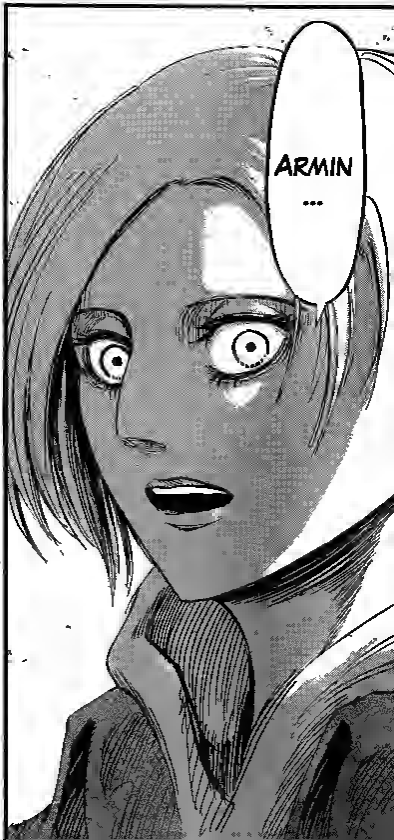
YOU HAPPEN TO BE THAT KIND OF PERSON EH!
LOOKS LIKE WHAT THEY SAY IS TRUE THAT IF YOU GET SOMEONE WHO USUALLY DOESN'T TALK MUCH STARTED, THEY LET IT ALL OUT IN ONE GO!
THAT SURE WAS ONE LONG WINDED SPEECH. I'M BORED TO TEARS HERE.
AH, HUH...
RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE, HUH..
...
...BUT THE SYSTEM ITSELF ...?
...THEN WHAT NEEDS TO BE CHANGED IS NOT PEOPLE...
SO IF WE ASSUME THAT ALL THE MEMBERS, INVOLVED IN A SYSTEM, ARE INNATELY RIGHTEOUS, YET THE SYSTEM IS STILL FULL OF PROBLEMS...

'KAAY...
EEEEH
WE WASTED ENOUGH TIME ON TALKS TIME TO GO!
HN
I'M NOT KIDDING HERE!
THIS MISSION IS GOING TO BE OUR FIRST, AND I'LL MAKE SURE EVERYTHING GOES OFF WITHOUT A HITCH!
AH WELL...
AT LEAST WE WON'T GET BORED WITH HIM AROUND...
ANNIE





YOU'RE REALLY A FULL-FLEDGED MEMBER OF THE MILITARY POLICE NOW, AREN'T YOU.
HEY—


ARMIN...

WHAT'S GOING ON...?
WHAT'S WITH THIS GETUP?
I'M POSING AS A PORTER
THIS RAINCOAT IS VERY HANDY FOR HIDING THE 3D GEAR.
SEE?
...!?
ARMIN
WHAT HAPPENED?

ANNIE...
I WONDER IF YOU COULD...
IF YOU COULD HELP EREN ESCAPE...?

Escape?
.....
Where someone who disobeyed the king's order can escape to?
Is there really a place inside the walls
To where?
But we're just going to buy some time to collect materials that would change the opinion of the commission of inquiry!
I swear!
Although I understand that it may appear like an act of rebellion by some members of the Scouting Legion...
He'll hide only for the time being.
It's not like we plan to disobey the king per se...

I CAN'T TELL YOU...
SORRY
...
IS THERE SOMETHING THAT INFLUENTIAL, REALLY...?
WHAT DO YOU BASE YOUR CLAIM ON?
MATERIALS THAT WOULD CHANGE THEIR OPINION?
THIS ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE LIKE THIS.
THEN I'M SORRY, TOO, BUT...
.....
.....!
EREN IS GOING TO BE KILLED!
AT THIS RATE
I'M BEGGING YOU!
THE FOLKS WHO CONTINUE ON THE PATH LEADING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE HUMAN KIND WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING WHERE THEY'RE GOING!
BY THE FOLKS WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, JUST FOR THE SAKE OF WHAT THEY PERCEIVE AS SELF-DEFENCE!
ANNIE!
I WON'T TELL ANYONE, SO GOOD LUCK TRYING YOUR BEST ON YOUR OWN.

I KNOW THIS DOESN'T SOUND CONVINC-ING...
BUT...
BUT... ...THERE IS NO OTHER WAY LEFT OTHER THAN TO RESORT TO TAKING THIS BIG RISKY GAMBLE.
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE'LL TRY NOT TO CAUSE YOU TOO MUCH TROUBLE... BUT...
...TO PASS THE CHECK INSIDE WALL SHINA WE NEED HELP OF SOMEONE FROM THE MILITARY POLICE, AND THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT!
WE...
...HAVE NO OTHER OPTIONS

.....
DO I...
DO I REALLY LOOK LIKE SUCH A GOOD PERSON TO YOU?
.....
I FEEL LIKE THESE WORDS ARE SIMPLY WHAT PEOPLE USE TO CALL THOSE WHO ARE CONVENIENT TO THEM.
WELL, I... I DON'T REALLY LIKE THIS WAY OF PUTTING IT.
A GOOD PERSON, HUH
BECAUSE, YOU KNOW.
ANNIE, IF YOU DON'T HELP US NOW...
THAT'S WHY...
YOU MAY BE USEFUL TO SOME PEOPLE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME A BAD PERSON TO OTHERS...
AND NO ONE CAN BE CONVENIENT TO ALL.

...TO ME, YOU WILL TURN INTO A BAD PERSON...

ALRIGHT.
I'LL HELP.

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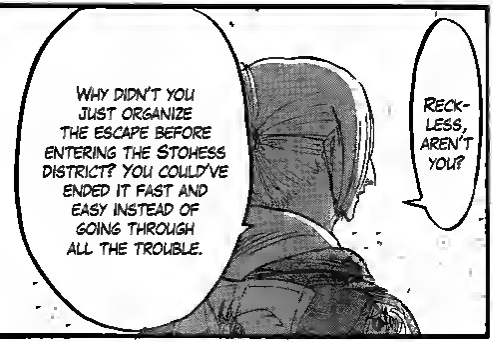
SURPRISINGLY, THEY LET US THROUGH WITH NO PROBLEM...
SHH.

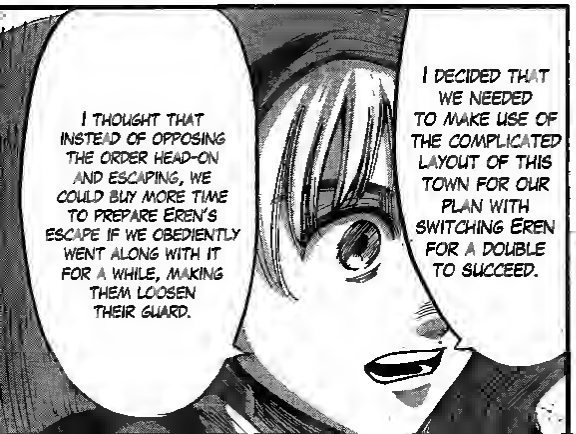
THE WHOLE TIME THAT I WAS IN THAT CARRIAGE, THEY DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO CHECK ON ME...
DON'T LOOK SHIFTY.
THAT'S THE MILITARY POLICE FOR YOU. THEIR INFAMOUS LACK OF DILIGENCE IN PERFORMING THEIR ROUTINE DUTIES REALLY SHOWS.

I ONLY HOPE THEY DON'T DISCOVER JEAN IS POSING AS YOU...
THEY'RE GONNA FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH...
TO BEGIN WITH, HIM AND ME LOOK NOTHING ALIKE...
IT'S OK. YOU TWO HAVE SIMILAR BUILD AND SAME VICIOUS LOOK IN YOUR EYES, SO...
YOUR TYPICAL BAD GUY MUGS LOOK QUITE SIMILAR.
I DON'T HAVE A HORSEFACE LIKE HIM!

If I hadn't agreed to help you, how did you plan to get past the wall?
Say...

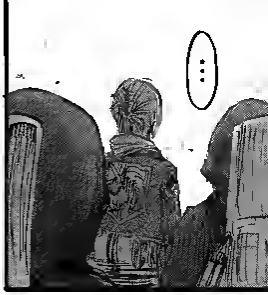

Why didn't you just organize the escape before entering the Stohess district? You could've ended it fast and easy instead of going through all the trouble.
Reck-less, Aren't you?

We were ready to use the 3D gear to break through.


I thought that instead of opposing the order head-on and escaping, we could buy more time to prepare Eren's escape if we obediently went along with it for a while, making them loosen their guard.
I decided that we needed to make use of the complicated layout of this town for our plan with switching Eren for a double to succeed.

Why does it have to be here and now?

I SEE...
CONVINCING ENOUGH.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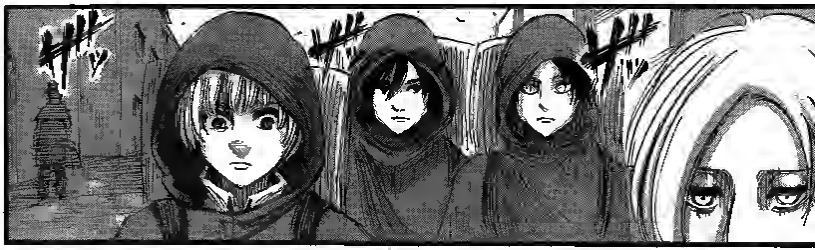
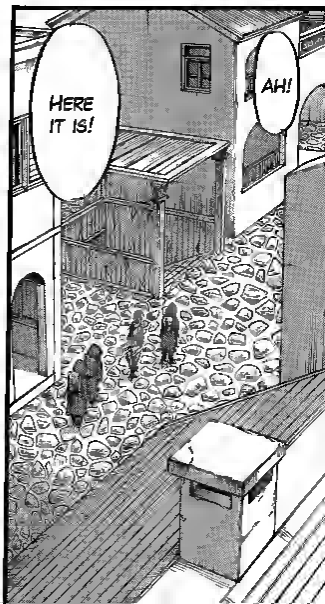


HERE?
...!

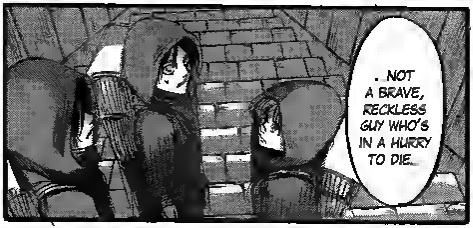
YEP. WE'LL TAKE THIS PASSAGE

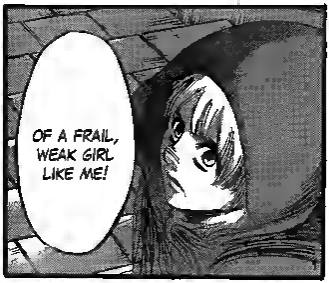

HERE IT IS!
AH!

This passage connects to an exit close to the outer gate
Some ruins of the underground city planned long ago still remain.
Taking the underground pathway is much safer than the streets above
Really? Wow!
Annie?
Hm?

I'M SCARED. I'M NOT YOU...
YES, I AM

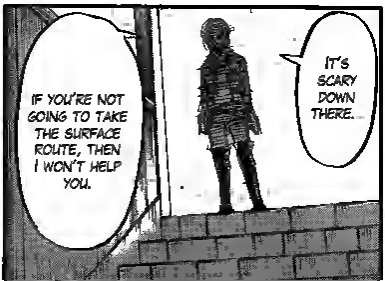
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SCARED OF DARK CONFINED SPACES!


. NOT A BRAVE, RECKLESS GUY WHO'S IN A HURRY TO DIE..


OF A FRAIL, WEAK GIRL LIKE ME!

SOMEONE LIKE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS
THERE IS NO WAY

I WON'T GO.
NO.

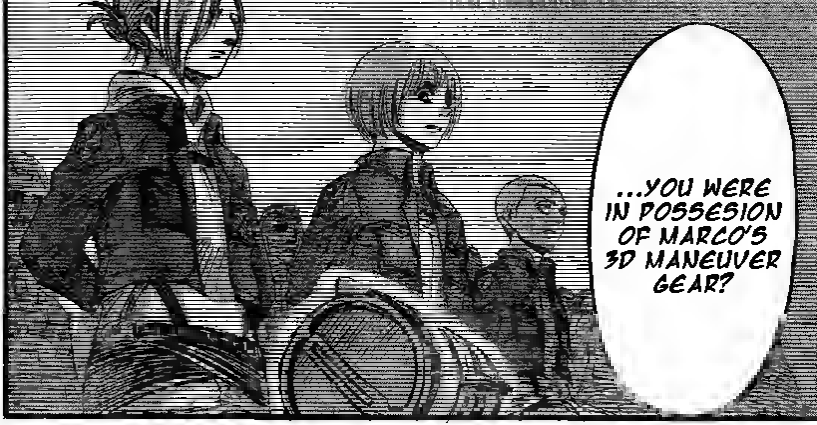

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE THE SURFACE ROUTE, THEN I WON'T HELP YOU.
IT'S SCARY DOWN THERE...

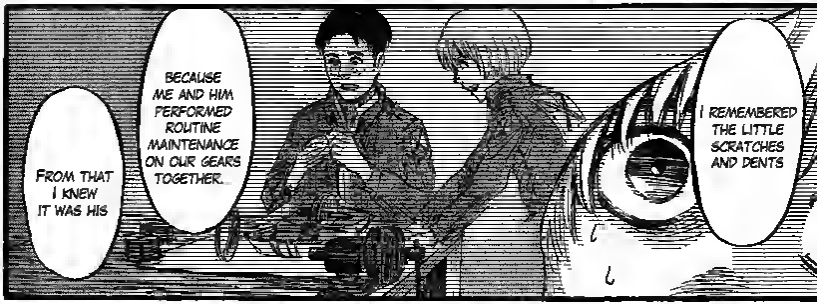
CUT THE NONSENSE AND LET'S GET GOING!
A GIRL WHO CAN SEND BIG BURLY MEN FLYING WITH A SINGLE KICK IS NO WEAK.

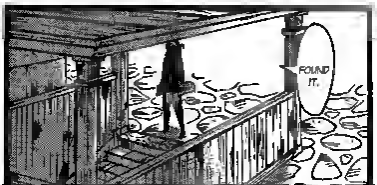
WH-
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?!
GET DOWN HERE, NOW!!!

DON'T FUCK WITH ME!!!
EREN! DON'T SHOUT!
WHY NOT, MIKASA?
FOR SOME REASON,
THERE'S BEEN NO ONE AROUND US FOR A WHILE NOW.

I'M HURT, YOU KNOW.
GEEZ.
ANNIE...
LOOKING AT ME WITH THOSE EYES?
SINCE WHEN DID YOU START
ARMIN...
HOW COME...


...YOU WERE IN POSSESION OF MARCO'S 3D MANEUVER GEAR?


I REMEMBERED THE LITTLE SCRATCHES AND DENTS
BECAUSE ME AND HIM PERFORMED ROUTINE MAINTENANCE ON OUR GEARS TOGETHER...
FROM THAT I KNEW IT WAS HIS


FOUND IT.

I JUST ...
I SEE ...

...!!
THEN
THE ONE WHO KILLED THOSE TWO TITANS THE SCOUTING LEGION CAPTURED ALIVE
WAS YOU, ANNIE?
MAYBE, MAYBE NOT... BUT...
IF YOU CAME TO ALL THESE CONCLUSIONS A MONTH AGO...
WHY
DIDN'T YOU TAKE ACTION RIGHT THEN?

I WANTED TO THINK THERE WAS...!
I THOUGHT... THERE WAS A MISTAKE SOMEWHERE IN MY TRAIN OF THOUGHT.
...CAN'T BELIEVE IT, EVEN NOW..
I STILL...
BUT..
...
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T KILL ME WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE...
...THAT THE THINGS TURNED OUT THE WAY THEY ARE NOW...!

.....
YEAH... FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART I AGREE. I COULDN'T HAVE EVEN IMAGINED THAT YOU WOULD TRACK ME DOWN AND CORNER ME EVEN HERE.
THAT TIME ...
WHY DIDN'T I KILL YOU, I WONDER...
HEY ...!
ANNIE ...
THERE'S STILL A CHANCE
THAT YOU'RE JUST AN UNFORTUNATE IDIOT WHO THOUGHTLESSLY BACKED UP SOME ASSWIPE'S BIG SHITTY JOKE...!
ANYWAY! COME DOWN HERE!
YOU CAN PROVE IT TO US JUST BY ENTERING THIS PASSAGE!
COME DOWN HERE AND PROVE IT!

I CAN'T GO THERE...
I'M ...
...A FAILURE AS A WARRIOR.
TALK TO US, ANNIE!
WE STILL CAN SETTLE THIS BY TALKING TO EACH OTHER!!!
DON'T BE A FOOL!!!
I TOLD YOU ALREADY ...!
!?
ENO- UGH.

I CAN'T STAND LISTENING TO THIS ANYMORE.
THIS LEADS US NOWHERE ...

I'LL CUT YOU TO PIECES ONCE AGAIN,
FEMALE TYPE TITAN.

SNICK

ARMIN ...
AREN'T YOU LUCKY THAT I WAS SUCH A GOOD PERSON... TO YOU.
FOR NOW, YOU WON THE GAMBLE ...
BUT ...
..WHAT I GAMBLED ON IS ONLY STARTING!
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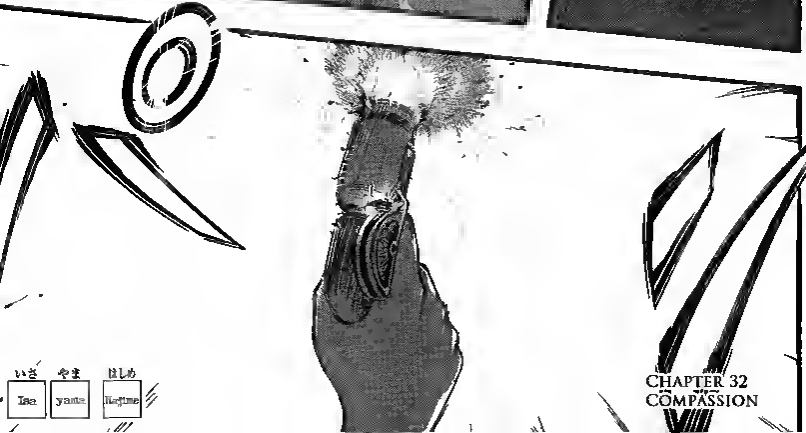

CHAPTER 32
COMPASSION

!?
MIKASA?!
WE WERE ...
A STEP TOO LATE ...!

WHA...
.....
EREN! ARMIN! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
IF YOU CAN STAND,
THEN RUN FOR IT!!!
OH MY GOD

There was a small blade concealed in her ring.
Just how did she manage to hurt herself?!
Did she bite her tongue?
Annie cut her finger with that.
:!!
Ugh
How could I overlook such a simple thing.. Damn.
I had a suspicion... that she saw right through my lies from the very start...
She realized we were going to ambush her deep underground!
I should have... gone differently about it...
Save your self-deprecation for later.
Better tell me...

...WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
WELL...
FOR NOW, WE NEED TO JOIN UP WITH THE THIRD SQUAD AND COME OUT TO THE SURFACE,
WHERE, ACCORDING TO PLAN B
WE WILL DO BATTLE WITH ANNIE... WITH THE FEMALE TYPE!
EREN,
YOU WILL TURN INTO A TITAN AND, AS PLANNED,
ASSIST US IN CAPTURING HER ALIVE, OK?
GOTCHA
HEEY!
IT'S THE THIRD SQUAD!
WHAT'S UP?!
YOU FAILED TO CAPTURE HER WITH PLAN A, I TAKE IT?!
YES, PLAN A FAILED!
WE HAVE TO SWITCH TO PLAN B NOW!

WHA ...?!
SHE BROKE THE ROOF WITH HER FOOT?!
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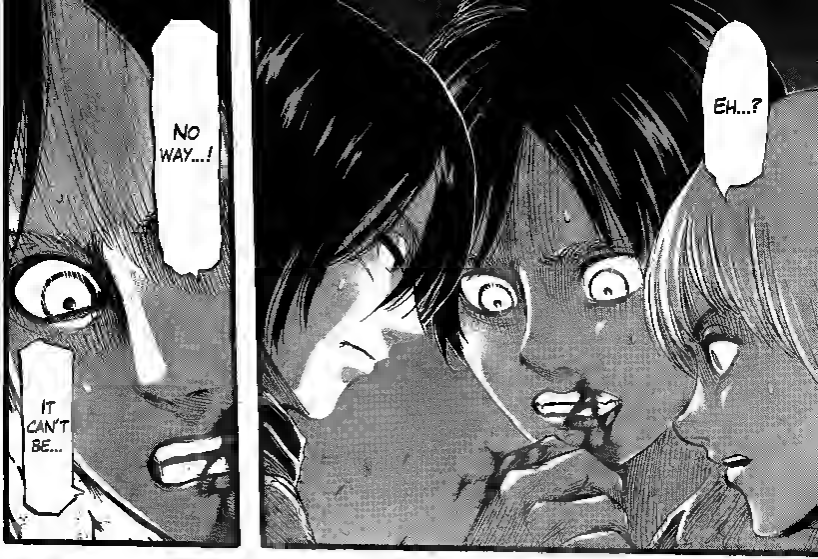
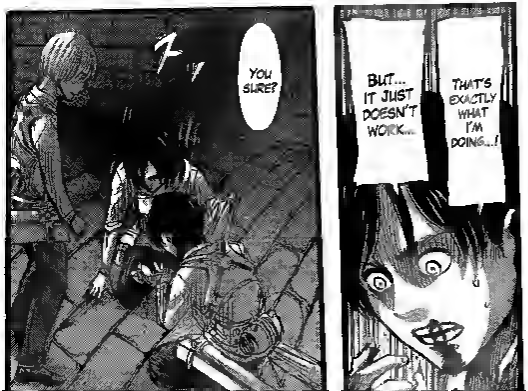
WE GOTTA HELP THEM!
EREN! YOU STAY BACK!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THEM?!
YOU'RE SAYING IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU WERE TO DIE HERE INSTEAD, EREN?!

IT'S A CRAZY GAMBLE, AND IT MAKES THE SITUATION SO MUCH WORSE FOR US.
SHE MADE THIS HOLE, GAMBLING ON THE CHANCE THAT EREN WOULDN'T GET CRUSHED UNDERFOOT.
IT'S A GAMBLE ...
TRYING TO KIDNAP EREN.
SHE'S STILL DESPERATELY
SHE'LL JUST ATTACK US THE SECOND WE DO...
EVEN IF WE TRY TO USE THE 3D GEAR TO QUICKLY GET OUT OF HERE TO THE SURFACE THROUGH THE HOLE SHE MADE...
SHE CUT OFF OUR ESCAPE ROUTE...
WH-WHAT SHOULD WE DO...
I'LL ...
STAYING HERE ISN'T MUCH BETTER... SHE MIGHT STOMP HER FOOT AGAIN ANY SECOND TO CRUSH US...
ON THE OTHER HAND...

I'LL DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT.
LIKE WHAT I DID BACK THEN TO GUARD AGAINST THAT CANNON BALL...
WAI-
HERE WE GO!!!
COME CLOSER!


NO WAY...!
IT CAN'T BE...
EH...?

PICTURE IT IN YOUR MIND'S EYE IN VIVID DETAILS AND TRY AGAIN!
YOU CAN'T TRANSFORM WITHOUT A CLEAR GOAL IN MIND, RIGHT?


YOU SURE?
BUT... IT JUST DOESN'T WORK...
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M DOING...!

AH, SHIT! HURTS, DAMN IT!!!
WHY NOW?!

ISN'T IT BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL HESITANT...
...ABOUT FIGHTING ANNIE?
...!!
EREN?
DON'T TELL ME YOU STILL THINK, EVEN NOW,
THAT ANNIE BEING THE FEMALE TYPE MIGHT BE JUST YOU IMAGINING THINGS?
DIDN'T YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES?

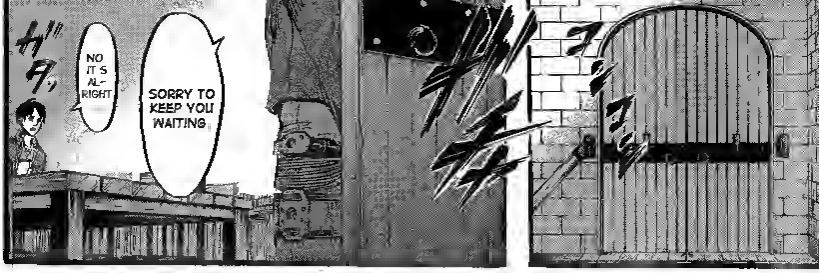
THE ONE WHO KILLED YOUR SQUADMATES
WAS THAT WOMAN, WASN'T SHE?
DO YOU STILL DOUBT IT?
SH-
SHUT UP...
I'M...
I'M RESOLVED TO FIGHT HER, DON'T YOU SEE?!

IRVINE AND HIS MOFOS SURE ARE LATE...

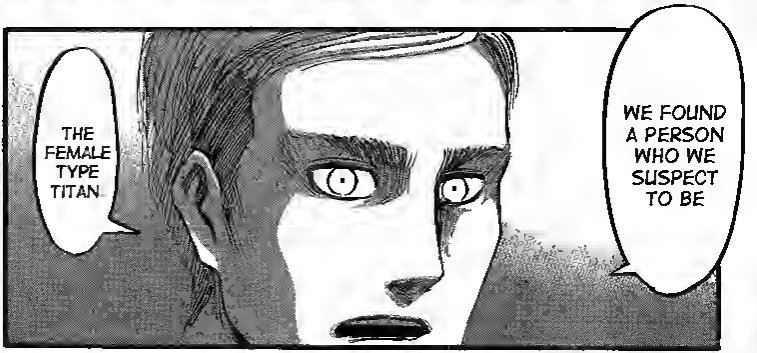
THE BASTARDS, MAKING ME WAIT.
AT THIS RATE THE MPS GONNA GET HERE FIRST...

MAYBE HE'S AGONAZING SOMEWHERE OVER BEING CONSTIPATED OR SOME-THING...
HA HA HA.
カチャ
CORPO-RAL.
TODAY
YOU'RE KIND OF TALKATIVE

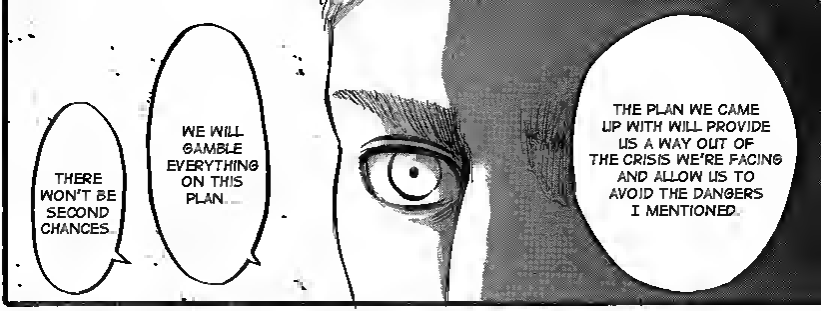
DON'T BE STUPID
I ALWAYS TALK MY SHARE
I AM REALLY SORRY ....
IF ONLY ....
AT THAT TIME ....
I HADN'T MADE THE WRONG CHOICE,
THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT ....
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN WOUNDED AND....
I TOLD YOU DIDN'T I
NO ONE KNOWS HOW THEIR CHOICE WILL TURN OUT....


SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING
NO IT'S ALRIGHT

ARMIN?
AND MIKASA, TOO...?


WE FOUND A PERSON WHO WE SUSPECT TO BE
THE FEMALE TYPE TITAN

THE SUSPECT IS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY POLICE OF THE STOHESS DISTRICT BRANCH
!
IT WAS DECIDED THAT ON THAT DAY WE AND EREN ARE TO BE ON OUR WAY TO THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL TO ATTEND A HEARING, AS PER OUR ORDERS.
WE WILL PUT IT INTO ACTION THE DAY AFTER TOMOR-ROW
I'M GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE PLAN WE HAVE DEVISED TO SUCCESSFULLY CAPTURE - AND FOR SURE THIS TIME - THE SUSPECT THAT IS, THE FEMALE TYPE TITAN.
NOT TO MENTION THAT IN THIS CASE THE CHANCES OF THE HUMAN RACE GETTING WIPED OUT OF EXISTENCE WILL DRASTICALLY INCREASE
IF THIS HAPPENS, LURING OUT THOSE WHO TRY TO DESTROY THE WALL WILL BECOME A VERY DIFFICULT TASK
UNDER THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, WE CANNOT AVOID GETTING EREN TAKEN FROM US BY THE AUTHORITIES

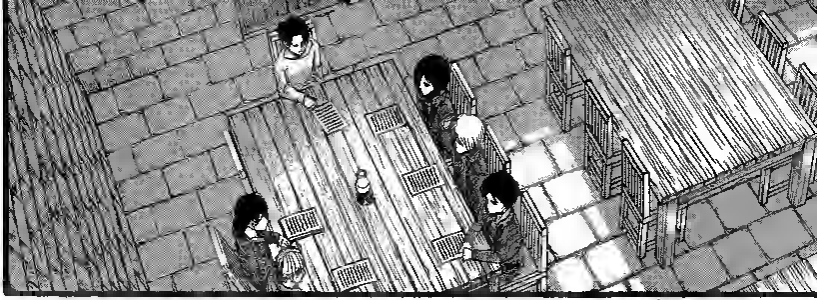

THE PLAN WE CAME UP WITH WILL PROVIDE US A WAY OUT OF THE CRISIS WE'RE FACING AND ALLOW US TO AVOID THE DANGERS I MENTIONED.
WE WILL GAMBLE EVERYTHING ON THIS PLAN.
THERE WON'T BE SECOND CHANCES.

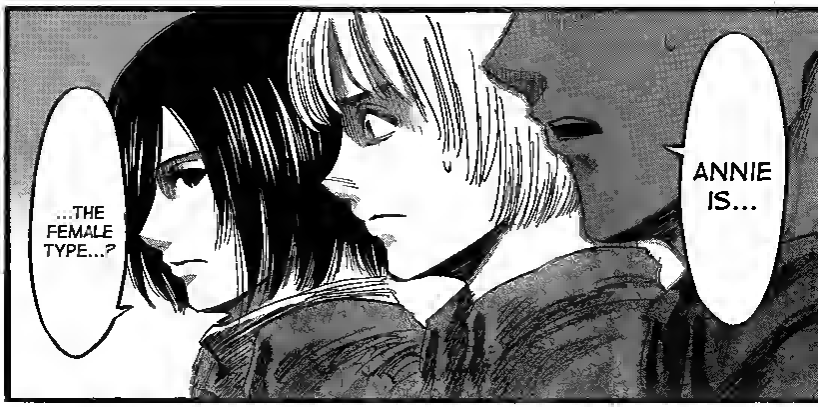
THE GIST OF THE PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS. WHILE HE'S BEING ESCORTED BY THE MILITARY POLICE THROUGH THE STOHESS DISTRICT, WE BREAK EREN OUT,
WE APPROACH THE SUSPECT AND, IF POSSIBLE, LURE HER UNDERGROUND, WHERE SHE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TRANSFORM INTO A TITAN, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE US THE CHANCE TO CAPTURE HER ALIVE

IF WE USE EREN AS A BAIT AND SUCCESSFULLY CAPTURE HER COMRADES WHO PLAN TO DESTROY THE WALL,
THE NEED FOR THE HEARING REGARDING US WILL BE ELIMINATED.
FOR THE AUTHORITIES IN THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL DEFENDING THE WALL WILL TAKE PRIORITY OVER EVERY-THING ELSE

AND IF WE ALREADY KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE FEMALE TYPE, DOESN'T THAT ALONE ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS PLAN?
IF THIS PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL, MY SITUATION WILL CHANGE FOR THE BETTER AT ONCE, NO DOUBT.
TO BE HONEST, I THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR...
WOW ...
ポン
IT'S IN THE BAG THEN, RIGHT?
WELL, ABOUT HER TRUE IDENTITY
?
AND IT WAS HIM WHO CAME UP WITH A ROUGH DRAFT OF THIS PLAN. I JUST USED THAT AS THE BASE FOR THE ONE I TOLD YOU JUST NOW.
ARMIN WAS THE ONE WHO DEDUCED IT.

AND THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THAT THE SAME PERSON WAS THE CULPRIT WHO KILLED THE TWO TITANS THE LEGION CAPTURED ALIVE FOR EXPERIMENTS
...IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE FEMALE TYPE IS YOUR FELLOW MEMBER OF THE FORMER 104TH TRAINEE SQUAD THE THREE OF YOU WERE PART OF,
ACCORDING TO ARMIN'S THEORY HE FORMULATED AFTER HE CAME IN CONTACT WITH HER...
EH?
HER NAME IS...




ANNIE IS...
...THE FEMALE TYPE...?

JUST WHAT... MAKES YOU THINK SO,
ARMIN?

JUDGING BY HER REACTION,
THE FEMALE TYPE NOT ONLY KNEW EREN BY SIGHT,
BUT SHE ALSO WAS FAMILIAR WITH HIS NICKNAME "A GUY WHO'S IN A HURRY TO DIE" WHICH ONLY OUR CLASSMATES COULD KNOW.
ABOVE ALL, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT, I THINK, POINTS TO ANNIE AS THE ONE
WHO KILLED THE TWO TITANS
MURDERING THEM REQUIRED HIGH SKILL, SO TO MEET THAT REQUIRMENT THE CULPRIT HAD TO USE THEIR OWN 3D MANEUVER GEAR WHICH THEY'RE MOST COMFORTABLE WITH AND MOST CONFIDENT IN...
AND I THINK THAT ANNIE, TO ESCAPE SUSPICION, SHOWED THE POLICEMEN MARCO'S GEAR INSTEAD OF HER OWN DURING THE TRAINEES' GEAR INSPECTION...
HUH ...?
HOW... DO YOU KNOW IT WAS MARCO'S...?
...
I DON'T...
MAYBE IT WAS JUST MY IMAGINATION...

HEY, KID.
YOU KEEP SAYING THAT "YOU THINK" SHE'S THE FEMALE TYPE.
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING MORE CONCRETE THAN YOUR GUESSES TO PROVE IT?

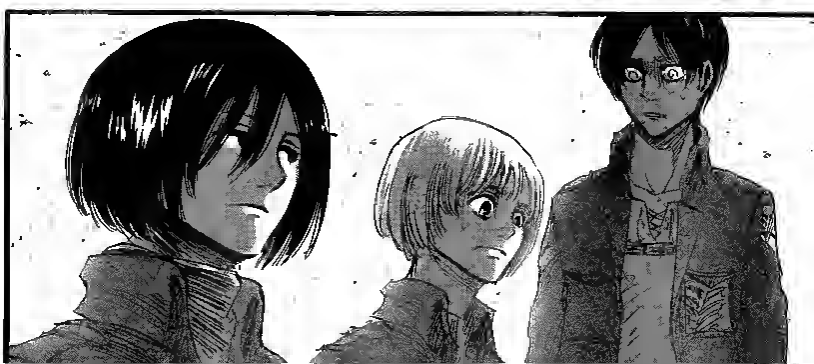
HUH ...?

.....

THAT THE FEMALE TYPE'S FACE LOOKS A LOT LIKE ANNIE'S.
I HAVE THE IMPRESSION
NO...

WE HAVE NO PROOF WHATSOEVER, BUT WE'RE STILL GONNA ACT UNDER THE ASSUMPTION IT'S HER...
SO, TO SUM IT UP...

HUH?! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU EVEN SAYING, GUYS?!



HOW CAN WE EVEN ACT ON SOME UNPROVEN GUESS...?
THIS'S MESSED UP...
THERE IS NO PROOF ...?
THAT WILL CLEAR ANNIE OF ALL THE SUSPICION. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT
IF OUR CONCLUSION IS PROVEN WRONG
WHAT THEN?
WHAT IF IT'S NOT ANNIE?
THOSE FROM THE CAPITAL WILL MAKE YOU A SCAPEGOAT, EREN, SIMPLE AS THAT
IF WE JUST SIT ON OUR HANDS,
BUT STILL ...
IF IT'S NOT HER, THEN WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WILL BE AN ACT OF ILL WILL TOWARDS ANNIE

YOU GUYS ARE CRAZY IN THE HEAD...
SUSPECT ANNIE...
YOU SERIOUSLY...
EREN
NOW THAT YOU'VE HEARD THAT ANNIE MIGHT BE THE FEMALE TYPE, CAN YOU HONESTLY SAY THAT NOTHING ABOUT THAT FEMALE TYPE REMINDED YOU OF ANNIE IN SOME WAY?
YOU FOUGHT THE FEMALE TYPE.
DIDN'T YOU WITNESS SOME MOVES THE FEMALE TYPE USED ON YOU THAT ARE PECULIAR TO ANNIE?

YOU KNOW IT DEEP INSIDE, DON'T YOU...

...THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT ANNIE
REALLY BEING THE FEMALE TYPE TITAN...
AND IN THAT CASE
WE MUST FIGHT HER, DON'T YOU AGREE?

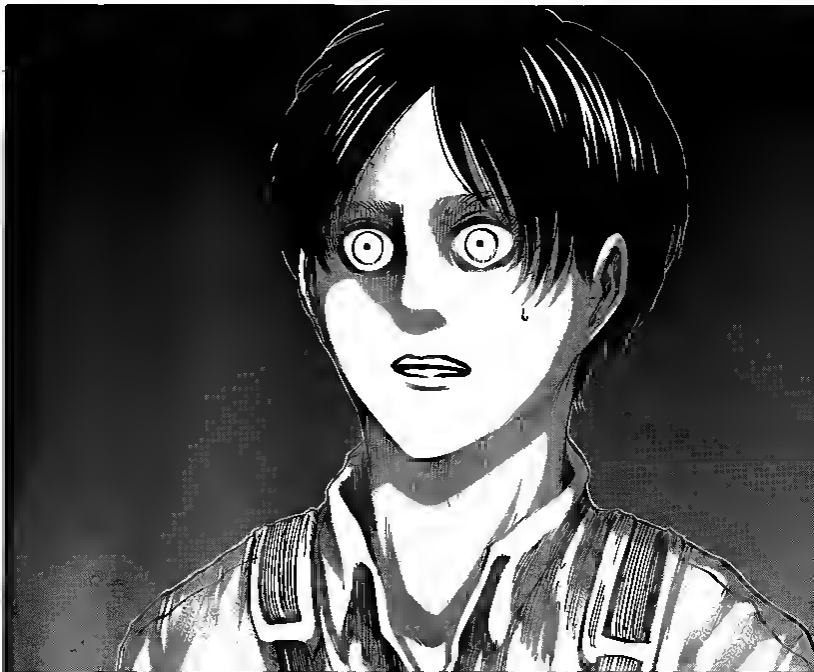
HUH?!
YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF SPECIAL FEELINGS FOR HER THAT PREVENT YOU FROM ACTING?
OR MAYBE...
...!?
OK, I'VE THOUGHT UP A PLAN.
ME AND MIKASA ARE GOING TO SIMULTANEOUSLY JUMP OUT OF THIS HOLE AND THE ENTRANCE WE USED TO GET HERE
WHEN WE DO THIS, ANNIE WILL GO AFTER ONE OF US.

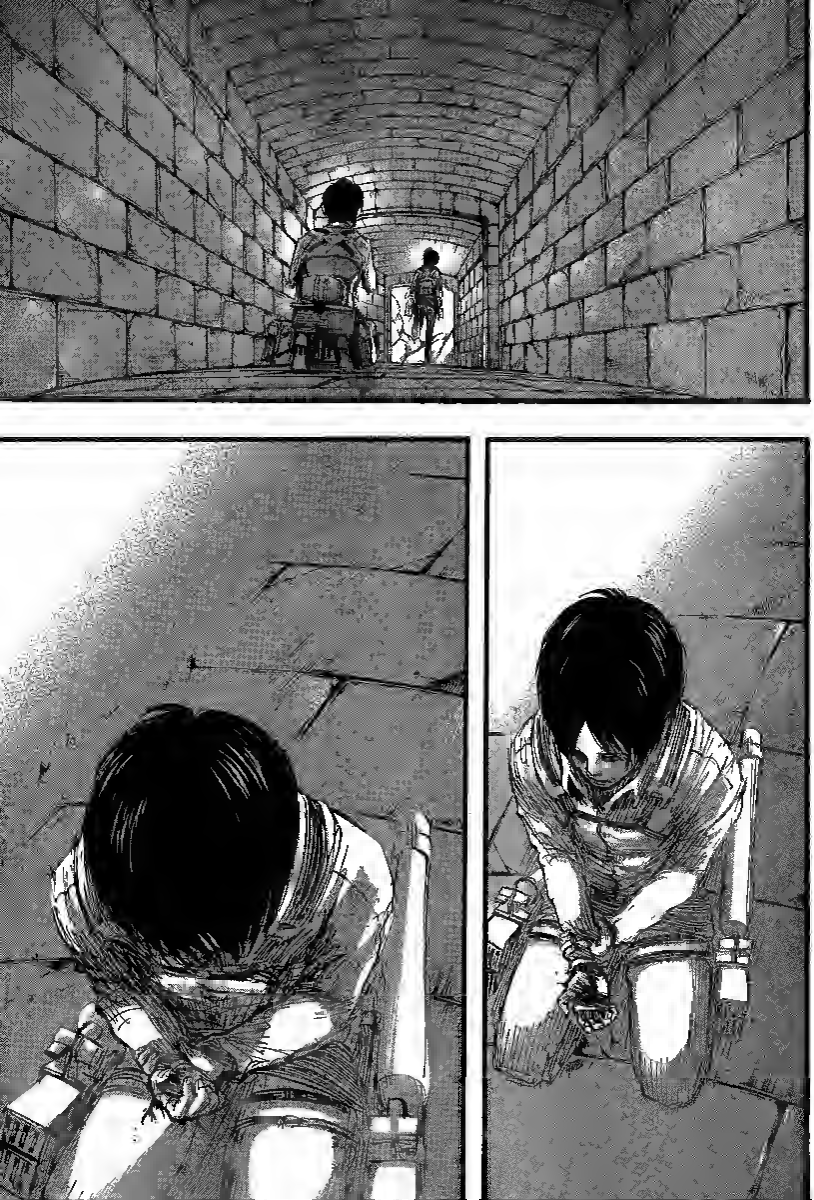
LET THE SCOUTS DEAL WITH HER.
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT FIGHTING HER IN YOUR HUMAN BODY.
EREN, YOU USE THAT CHANCE TO ESCAPE THROUGH WHICHEVER SIDE IS NOT TARGETED BY HER.
MIKASA, ON YOUR MARK.
IF WE STAY HERE, ALL THREE OF US WILL DIE.
WILL DIE FOR SURE!
WITH THIS PLAN, ONE OF YOU
ARMIN, WAIT!
HAH?
LET'S GO!
MIKA-SA!!!
!!
GOT IT.

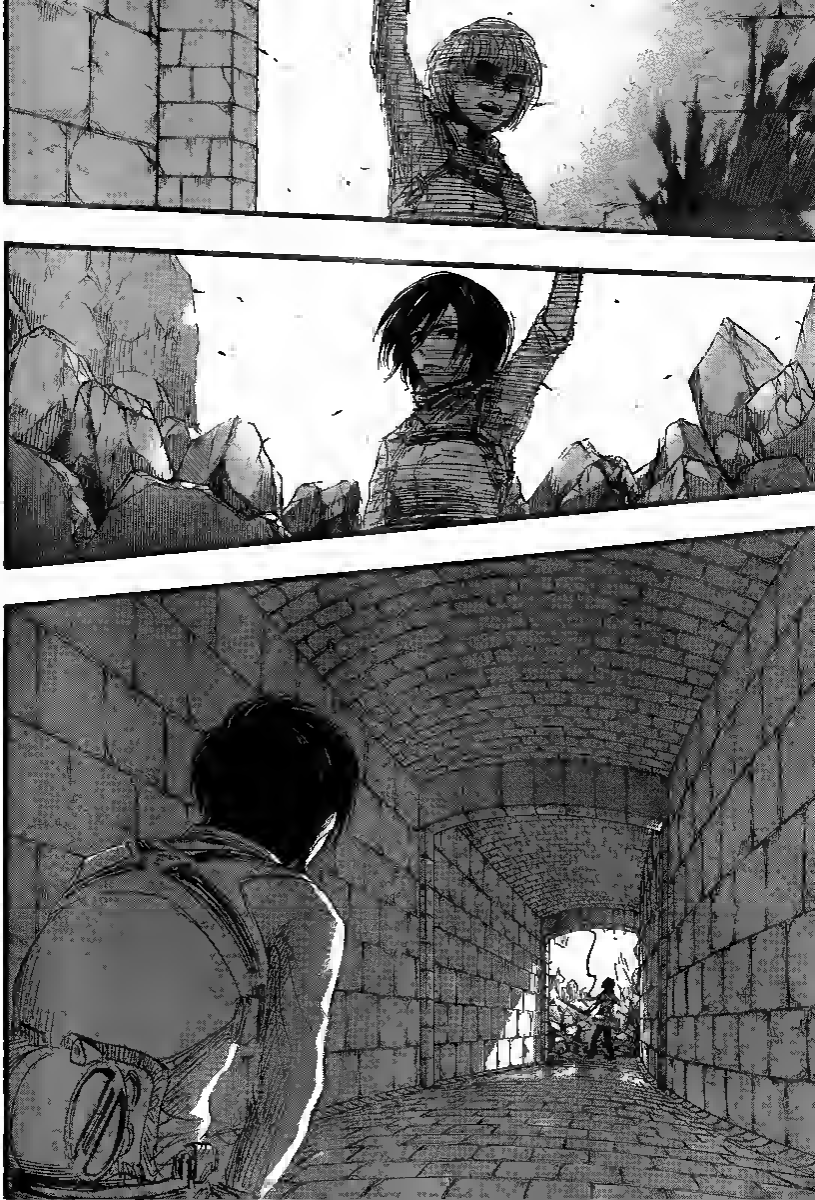
H-
HOW ...
CAN YOU TWO...
FIGHT AGAINST HER?

THE WORLD
IS A CRUEL PLACE...

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE.







IT SURE IS.

EREN
VS
ANNIE...
THEIR
LAST
TALK!

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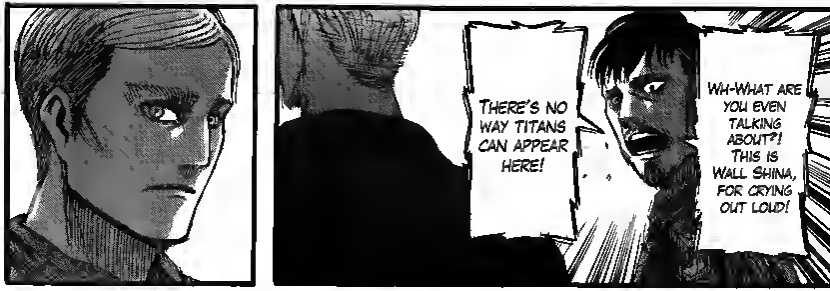
Isa yama Hajime
WHAT KIND OF NEWS? THE RISING SMOKE BRINGS NO GOOD...
CHAPTER 53
THE WALL
進撃の巨人

UNDERSTOOD, SIR!
WE HANDLE THINGS HERE OURSELVES! YOU GO LOOK WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE!
CONVOY SQUAD!
WHAT THE...?

ACT UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT TITANS HAVE MADE THEIR APPEARANCE
NILE... DISPATCH ALL YOUR AVAILABLE TROOPS IMMEDIATELY.


THERE'S NO WAY TITANS CAN APPEAR HERE!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU EVEN TALKING ABOUT?! THIS IS WALL SHINA, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!

IRVIN...
YOU...
JUST WHAT—

...ARE YOU TRYING TO DO...?

LET US PRAY!
TO MARIA.
TO ROSE.
TO SHINA.
MAY THE THREE GODDESSES BE WELL.
MAY PEACE BE WITH US.
WE SHALL NOT DOUBT THE HOLINESS OF THE GREAT WALLS.
OUR FAITH SHALL MAKE THE THREE WALLS,
CREATED BY THE HAND OF GOD, STRONGER!

ONLY THE PURE HEART OF A TRUE BELIEVER
CAN PROTECT US FROM TITANS!
ONLY ITS POWER CAN DRIVE THEM AWAY!

H-HOW DARE YOU.
YOU MUST NOT COME ANY CLOSER TO THE WALL...!
.....!?
A TITAN...?
HOW CAN IT BE HERE...?

WE CAN'T LET HER GET AWAY HERE, OR THE HUMAN RACE IS DOOMED!
SHE'S PLANNING TO SCALE THE WALL!
AIM FOR HER LEGS!
STOP HER!

!!
UWOOA!

IT'S MY FAULT...
...THAT THE STRONGEST SOLDIER OF THE LEGION IS UNABLE TO FIGHT RIGHT NOW.
ATTACK FROM HER BLIND SPOT NEXT!
UNDERSTOOD!
GOOD JOB, MIKASA!
!
I'LL BE THE ONE TO..
I'M GONNA TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND..
FLAT-LAND AHEAD !!!

BUT IF WE TAKE THE LONG ROUNDABOUT WAY, SHE'LL HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO ESCAPE!
WE'LL HAVE TO GO AROUND
SHIT... THERE'RE NO BUILDINGS TO HOOK OUR ANCHORS!
!
EREN.

IN THIS CASE... LET'S BELIEVE THAT EREN IS GOING TO BUY US ENOUGH TIME!
LOOKS LIKE THIS TIME AROUND HE MANAGED NOT TO LOSE HIS SELF AFTER TRANSFORMING.
SECURE THE FEMALE TYPE NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!
SPLIT UP INTO TWO GROUPS!
WHICH MEANS THAT FOR ANNIE...
BUT SHE'S GOING ONE ON ONE WITH EREN NOW...!
...SHE GAVE UP ON KIDNAPPING EREN AND DECIDED TO ESCAPE INSTEAD...?
COULD IT BE THAT SHE...

...THIS IS HER VERY LAST CHANCE TO CAPTURE EREN...!

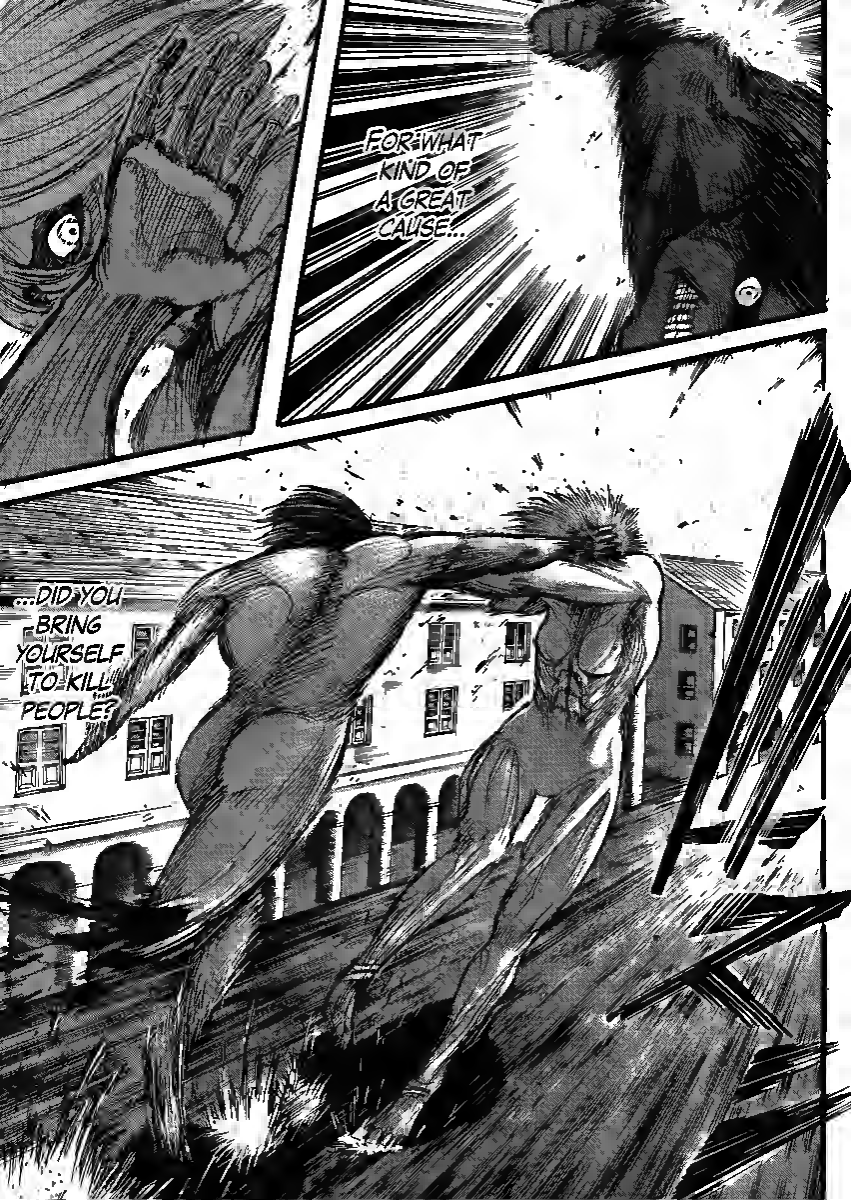
AAAAAAAAA
YOU ALWAYS... SEEMED BORED...
YOU ALWAYS LOOKED LIKE YOU CONSIDERED THOSE AROUND YOU HOPELESS IDIOTS...
ANNIE...

BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN EVEN YOU LIVEN UP.
IT'S WHEN YOU GET TO SHOW OFF YOUR HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT SKILLS...
YOU SAID IT WAS JUST A STUPID PASSTIME YOUR FATHER FORCED YOU TO TAKE UP, BUT...
...I WAS NEVER CONVINCED THAT WAS HOW YOU REALLY THOUGHT OF IT...

...ALWAYS THOUGHT...
I...
...SUCK AT LYING...
...THAT YOU REALLY...

SO...
ANNIE...

WHAT IS...
...YOUR REASON...
...FOR FIGHTING?


FOR WHAT KIND OF A GREAT CAUSE...
...DID YOU BRING YOURSELF TO KILL PEOPLE?

AAH

GO ROUND!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
AAA

SHE'S CLIMBING UP THE WALL IN HER TITAN FORM!!!
SHE'S ...!
WHA ?

SHE'S FAST...
AT THIS RATE, SHE'LL ...!
SHE'LL GET AWAY...!
I WON'T LET HER!
!
EREN...
...!

MIKASA, WAIT!
!?
STOP! DON'T GO AFTER HER!
WE GOT HORSES PREPARED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL, BUT
WE'LL BE AT A DISADVANTAGE ON THE FLATLAND
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
EH?!

SHE REACHED HER.

FALL.
ANNIE

ANNIE...
I WAS WRONG...
BUT...
IT'S TOO LATE TO ASK YOU TO FORGIVE ME NOW...
LISTEN TO ONE THING...
JUST ONE THING I HAVE TO SAY...

I WANT TO ASK YOU...

...TO TREAT THE WHOLE WORLD AS YOUR ENEMY.

EVEN IF THE WHOLE WORLD WILL CURSE AND RESENT YOU...
...REMEMBER THAT YOUR FATHER WILL ALWAYS BE ON YOUR SIDE.
PROMISE ME SOMETHING.
SO PLEASE...

PROMISE YOU COME BACK...

!?
WHA ...?!

...!?
JUST NOW, WHAT ...?
!?
NO GOOD
PIECES OF THE WALL ARE FALLING OFF...

ANNIE WHO SHUT HERSELF IN...
A TITAN INSIDE THE WALL...
MYSTERIES ALL OVER THE PLACE...

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ARMIN...
WHAT HAPPENED...
...TO ANNIE...?
EREN

進撃の巨人
THE DOOR BEYOND WHICH THE TRUTH LIES HAS YET TO BE OPENED...
...NO ONE CAN TELL...
RIGHT NOW, PROBABLY...
CHAPTER 34
WARRIORS DANCE
Isa
yama
Hajime

SHIT!
I CAN'T EVEN...
...PUT A SCRATCH ON THE DAMN THING!
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON WITH THIS..? WHAT IS THIS CRYSTAL...?
HEY...

YOU BITCH! DON'T WANNA GET BACK TO US, HUH?!
HEY!
YOU DAMN COWARD ...!
REPAY YOUR DAMN DEBTS!!!
COME OUTTA HERE, I SAID!
HURRY!
USE THE WIRES TO MAKE A NET AND TIE UP THIS CRYSTAL!
NOW'S NOT THE TIME FOR THIS!
!!
STOP IT, KEIJI!
I NEED YOU TO THINK ONLY OF MOVING THIS CRYSTAL SOME PLACE UNDER-GROUND, AND FAST!
SHE MIGHT WAKE UP ANY MOMENT, AND WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF SHE DOES!

UNDER-
STOOD
.....

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF SHE'S ALIVE.
AT THIS RATE

...WHICH, AT THE VERY LEAST, IS HARDER THAN IRON...
...SHE HID HERSELF INSIDE THIS STRANGE CRYSTAL...

JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE FINALLY HAD ANNIE CORNERED...

WHAT WILL BE LEFT TO US...?
...AND MAKE HER TELL US WHAT SHE KNOWS,

...IF WE CAN'T EXTRACT HER FROM IT...

THE TOLL WILL BE HEAVY...
...LEAVING A WHOLE LOT OF UNANSWERED MYSTERIES IN ITS WAKE...
IS THERE EVEN SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO...?
!
ARE HORSES READY YET?! HURRY UP!
IT'S DANGEROUS HERE WITH PIECES OF THE WALL FALLING OFF..
HN?
MIKASA?
WHAT'S SHE STILL DOING UP THERE..?

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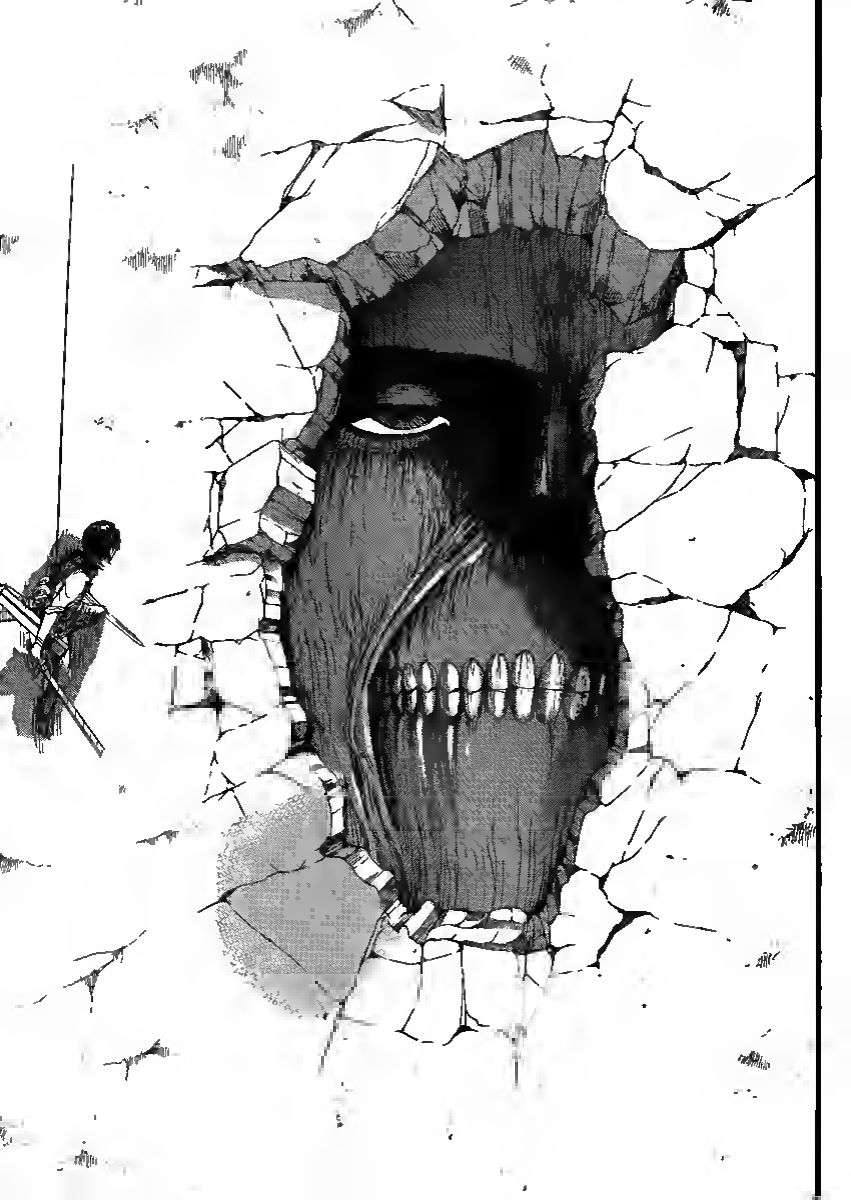


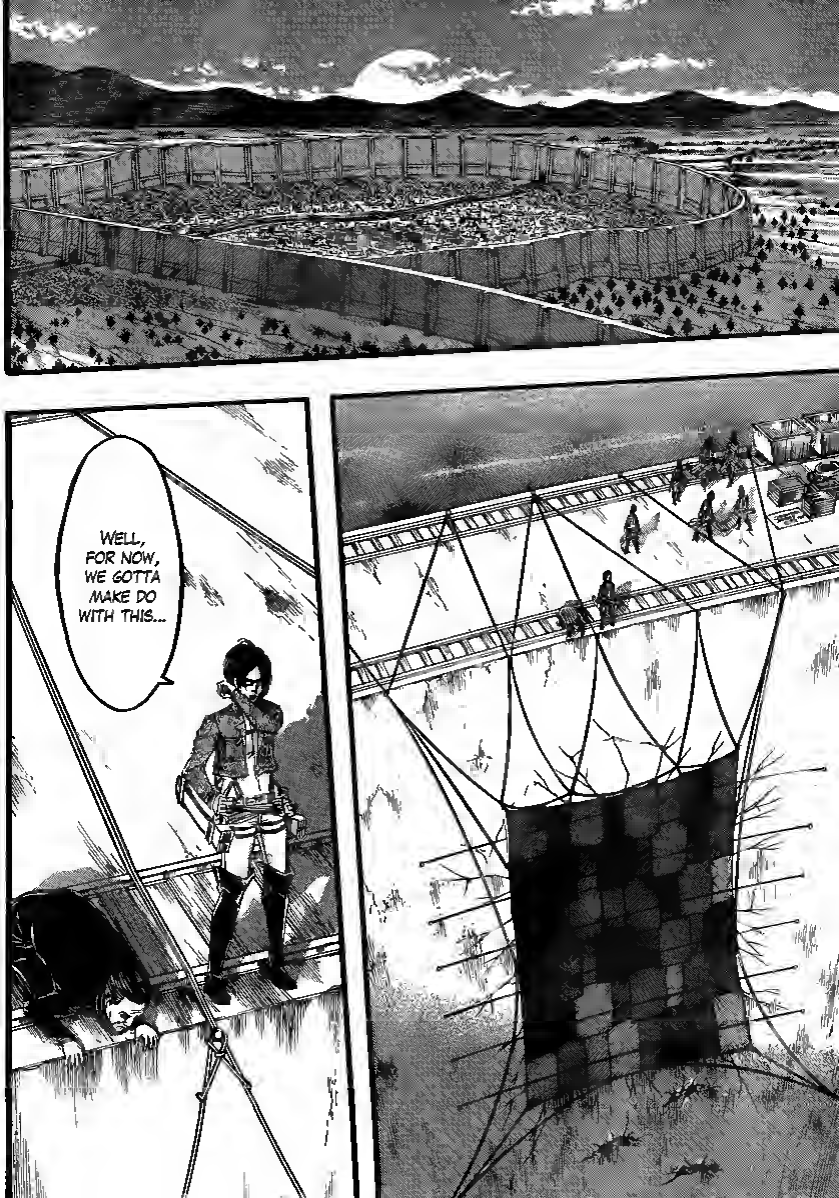
IT'S
ALIVE--

HAH ...?
ISN'T THAT--
HEY?!
A TITAN?!
WHY'S THERE
A TITAN INSIDE THE WALL ...?!

HOLD ON A SECOND HERE.
EH? WHA...?
HANJI-SAN!!!
YOUR ORDERS?!
I-IS IT MOVING?
...ALONG THE WHOLE LENGTH OF IT?!
TITANS INSIDE THE WALL...
OR... THE INSIDE OF THE WHOLE WALL IS PACKED FULL OF TITANS?!
WAS A TITAN... IN THIS PART OF THE WALL BY ACCIDENT...?
Haa
Haa

...ON THAT TITAN...
DO NOT LET... DAYLIGHT SHINE...
DO NOT!
HA HA
HA HA
PASTOR NICK?
EH..?
...FROM SHINING ON THAT TITAN...
YOU MUST BLOCK LIGHT WITH SOMETHING, ANYTHING...
YOU HAVE GOT TO HURRY ...!

JUST STEP BACK!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ON EXPLANATIONS RIGHT NOW!
WHAT WERE THOSE TWO TITANS?!
ANSWER MY QUESTIONS, PLEASE!
WHO WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT?!
HOW COULD TITANS TURN UP HERE, OF ALL PLACES?! WHY WAS THERE A BATTLE IN AN INNER DISTRICT?!
SOME OF THEM ARE DEAD!
THERE ARE MANY VICTIMS AMONG THE CITIZENS!
ONES WHO AREN'T DRUNK AS A SKUNK.
GO FETCH YOUR SUPERIORS FOR ME.
I'M NOT GONNA TALK TO YOU.
LOOK, ROOKIE...
WHERE'D SHE RUN OFF TO ALL OF A SUDDEN
YEAH. COULDN'T HAVE AGREED MORE.
ANNIE SURE CHOSE A STINKY TIME TO SKIP OUT ON HER DUTIES...
DAMN...


WELL, FOR NOW, WE GOTTA MAKE DO WITH THIS...

MM HM.
THAT SHALL DO.
AT THE SAME TIME THE WEAKENED PARTS NEXT TO THE BREACH ARE BEING STRENGTHENED.
FOR THE TIME BEING, THE BREACH IS BEING FILLED WITH QUICK DRYING FILLER COMPOUND,
REAL REPAIRS WILL START AFTER SUNSET.
THE CITIZENS IN THE VICINITY ARE TRYING TO KEEP AWAY FROM THIS PLACE BECAUSE OF THE BATTLE,
BUT I CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT NO ONE SAW ANYTHING
DO YOU THINK THE CITIZENS SAW THIS?
I SEE...
WELL NOW...
IT'S TIME FOR US TO TALK, DON'T YOU THINK ..?

WHAT IS THAT TITAN?
WHY IS THERE A TITAN INSIDE THE WALL IN THE FIRST PLACE?
.....
ABOUT WHAT?
AND...
WHY HAVE YOU PEOPLE...
...KEPT QUIET ABOUT IT THE WHOLE TIME?
.....
I'D LIKE YOU TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

NOW, LET ME OFF THE WALL.
I CAN NOT DO THAT.
I AM A BUSY MAN.
MY CHURCH AND MY FOLLOWERS ARE IN UTTER CHAOS RIGHT NOW.
AND IT IS ALL YOUR FAULT, YOU INSOLENTS. I SHALL MAKE SURE TO DEMAND INDEMNITIES FOR ALL THE DAMAGE YOU HAVE CAUSED.
ALRIGHT.
!!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE LET OFF FROM RIGHT HERE?
GHU!
SQUAD LEADER !!!
STAY AWAY

YOU ARE BEING RIDICULOUS!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU ARE DOING?!
IT'S YOU WHO'S BEING RIDICULOUS HERE.
YOU ARE COMMITTING A GRAVE OFFENSE!
AND YOU'RE COMMITTING A DEADLY SIN AGAINST HUMANITY
BY STEPPING ON ITS RIGHT TO LIFE.
THE REASON WHY YOUR SECT HAS BEEN SO VOCAL IN YOUR PROTESTS AGAINST THE PLANS ABOUT THE WALL'S REINFORCEMENT AND BUILDING OF AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL IS WHAT WE SEE IN THAT GAP, ISN'T IT...?

It was the monarchist government that granted you the right to decide matters concerning the wall, correct?
That is... your little cult is not the only ones who know this secret...
I can't even imagine how many people are in the know.
And yet...
Do you guys know the reason why we, the Scouting Legion, shed our blood?
It's to get back the freedom that titans stole away from us...
We're willing to pay with our lives for that.
We've been continuously putting our lives on the line
For a chance to make a progress, however small, towards that goal, believing that someday it will pay off
When humanity gets finally released from the grips of the fear that is titans...

YOU DON'T, DO YOU?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY COMRADES WE HAD TO ABANDON TO THE FATE OF BEING DEVOURED BY TITANS...?
BUT EVEN NOW... YOU'RE STILL TRYING TO PLAY DUMB WITH US?
UNTIL NOW, WE'VE NEVER MANAGED TO FIND ANY INFORMATION AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT WE SAW HERE...
TO KEEP QUIET...
YOU HAD THE NERVE
AND ALL THIS TIME YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN KEEPING QUIET ABOUT THE TRUTH
AND I WILL ASK HIM WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM: KEEPING HIS LIFE OR KEEPING SILENT.
IF YOU DON'T, I'LL GO FIND ANOTHER.
I'M ORDERING YOU.
START TALKING.
NOW LISTEN, YOU... I'M NOT ASKING FOR A FAVOR.

In any case, I doubt that taking only your life will be enough.
Or maybe money is the way to loosen your tongue?
How much do you want?
Let go... of me...
Are you sure you want me to let go?
Yes... Now!
Now!
Let go of me!

HIII
HIII
YOUR FURY IS UNDERSTANDABLE.
BUT IT IS NOT LIKE WE SAID NOTHING ABOUT THIS OUT OF MALICE!
AND IT IS NOT LIKE MY LIFE IS PRECIOUS ENOUGH TO ME TO CAVE IN!
I SHALL PROVE IT TO YOU!

I HAVE ALREADY LOST MY FAMILY AS A RESULT OF DROWNING MYSELF IN VINE...
I AM BUT AN UNWORTHY SINNER...
A WEAK MAN WHO CAN ONLY RELY ON GOD TO KEEP LIVING...
BUT IF EVEN SUCH A LOWLIFE LIKE ME DOES NOT TALK,
THEN YOU SHALL NOT GET A WORD OUT OF THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS STRONGER THAN MINE, NO MATTER WHAT TORTURE YOU PUT THEM THROUGH!
KILL ME AND LEARN THIS FOR YOURSELF!
WE SHALL CARRY OUT OUR MISSION TILL THE VERY END!
OK, FINE. I'LL GRANT YOU DEATH YOU DESIRE.
HANJI-SAN?!
AAH
GOD...
THE BLESSED...

HA HA
KIDDING, JUST KIDDING.
SAY, PASTOR NICK...
IS THE INSIDE OF THE WALL ALONG ITS WHOLE LENGTH FILLED WITH TITANS?

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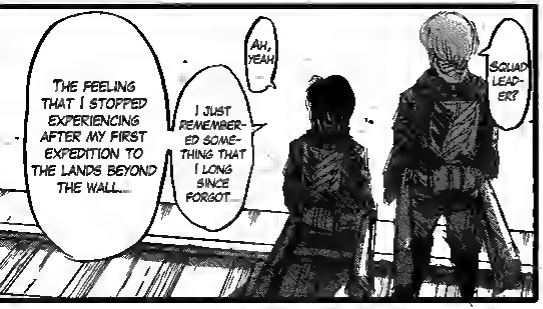
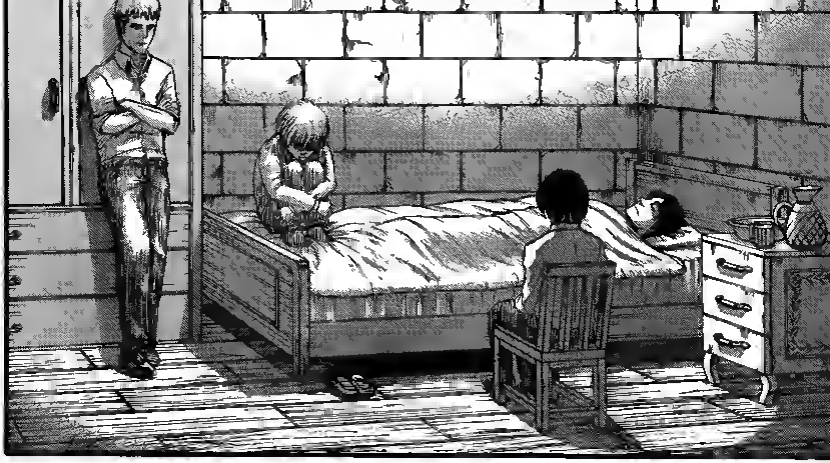
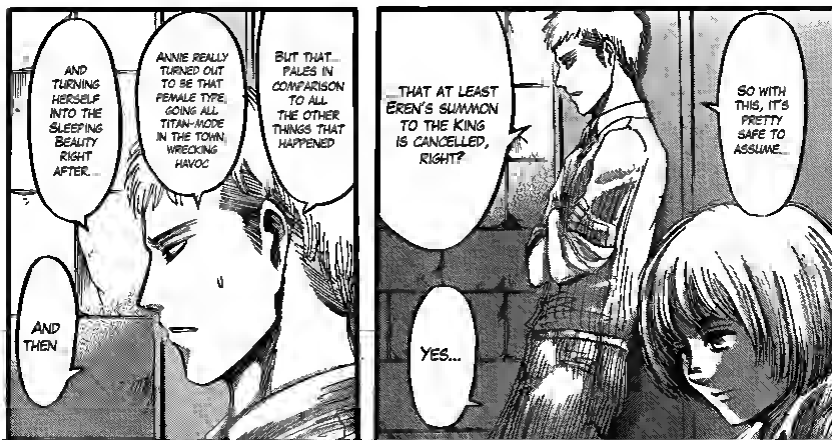
UHH

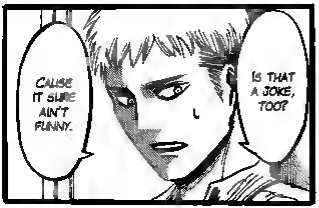

THE FEELING THAT I STOPPED EXPERIENCING AFTER MY FIRST EXPEDITION TO THE LANDS BEYOND THE WALL...
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING THAT I LONG SINCE FORGOT...
AH, YEAH...
SQUAD LEADER?

SCARY...

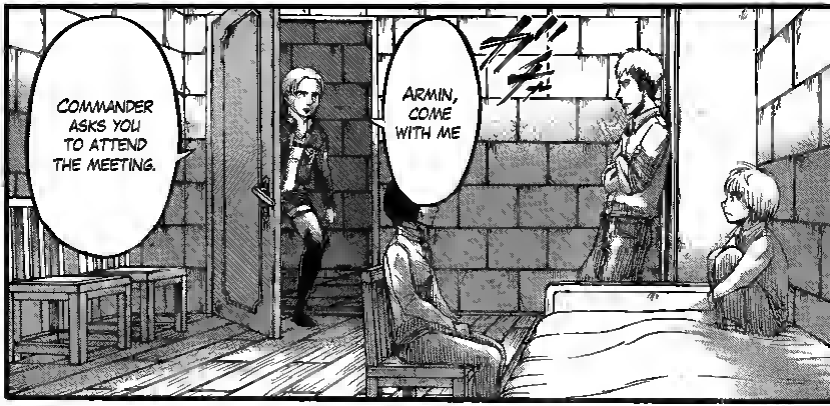



AND THEN
AND TURNING HERSELF INTO THE SLEEPING BEAUTY RIGHT AFTER...
ANNIE REALLY TURNED OUT TO BE THAT FEMALE TYPE, GOING ALL TITAN-MODE IN THE TOWN, WRECKING HAVOC
BUT THAT... PALES IN COMPARISON TO ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT HAPPENED
YES...
...THAT AT LEAST EREN'S SUMMON TO THE KING IS CANCELLED, RIGHT?
SO WITH THIS, IT'S PRETTY SAFE TO ASSUME...

YES.
.....
..THAT THERE ARE COLLOSAL TYPE TITANS INSIDE THE WALL, YOU SAY?
YOU DISCOVERED
ARMIN, YOU JUST MADE A JOKE, HUH?!
YOU SILLY! ATTA-BOY!
HA HA!
HA HA HA HA!
AND I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE A WALK SOON. ALL AT ONCE.
THEY'VE BEEN STANDING INSIDE THE WALL FOR AT LEAST 100 YEARS
S-SORRY...
AH, YES, FOR-GOT.
NOT SO LOUD
JEAN
THAT ABILITY COULD HAVE A LOT OF APPLICATIONS, JUST LIKE WITH ANNIE CRYSTALLIZING HERSELF...
I WONDER IF IT WAS MADE BY USING THE TITANS' HARDENING ABILITY...
AS THERE ARE NO BRICK JOINTS OR TRACES OF FEELING OR OTHER THINGS LIKE THAT...
YOU KNOW, ABOUT THE WALL... I NEVER COULD DETERMINE HOW THE WALL WAS BUILT IN THE FIRST PLACE

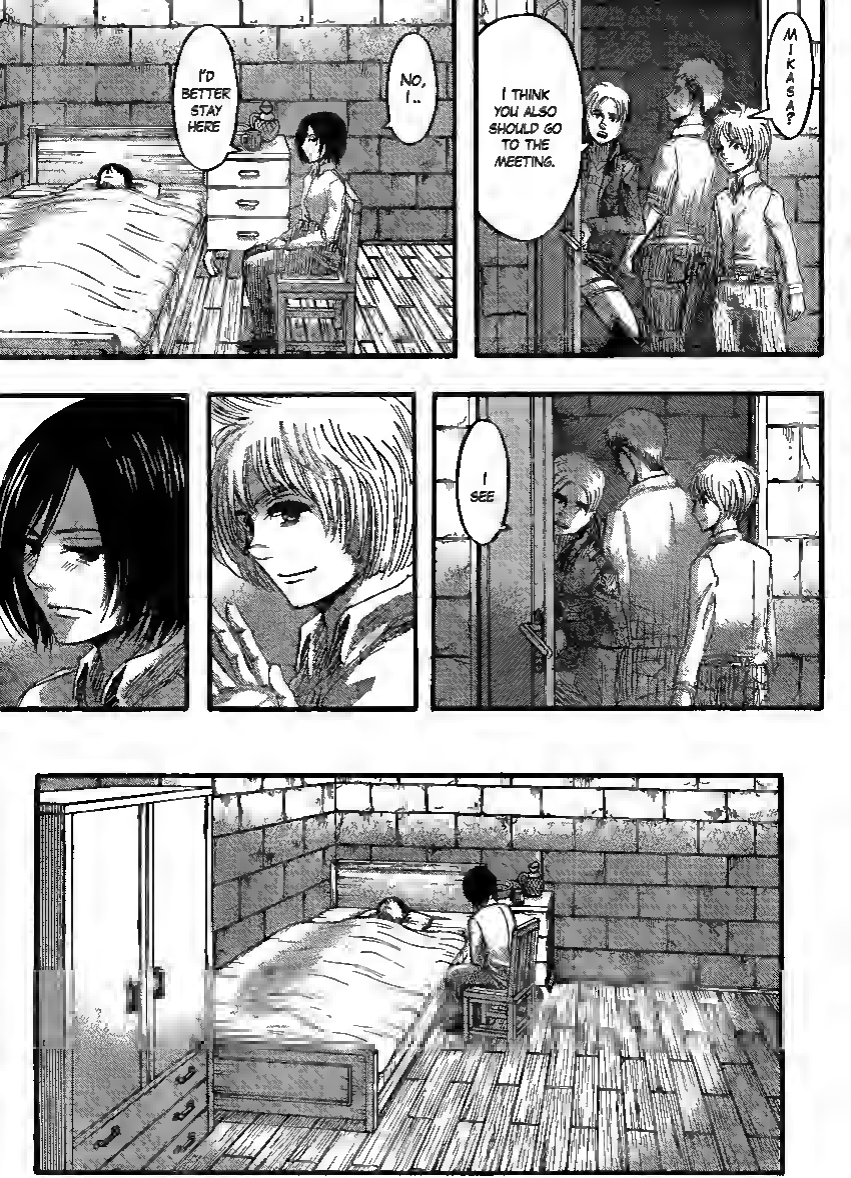

Is that a joke, too?
Cause it sure ain't funny.

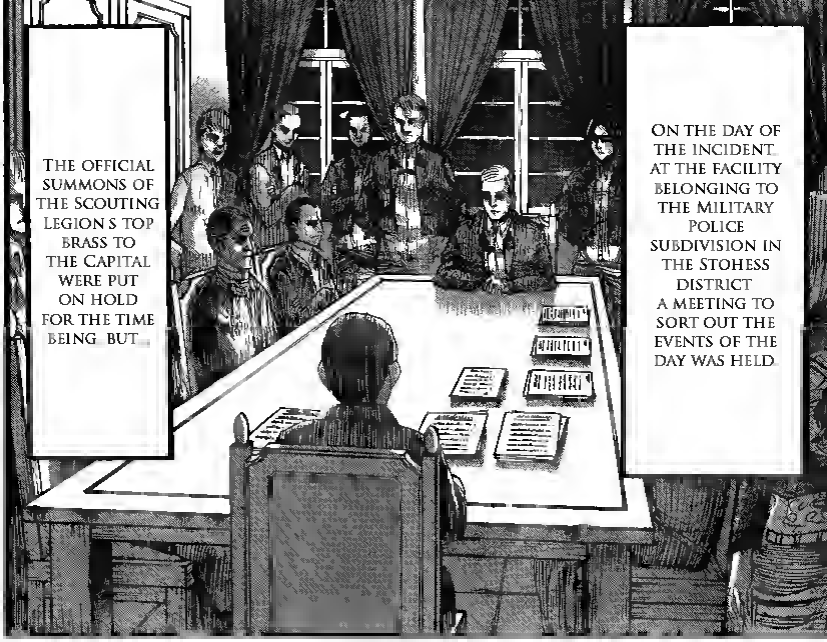
...that we've always been protected from titans by titans...
That would mean...


Commander asks you to attend the meeting.
Armin, come with me

I think I'll be going up to the surface, too. Being in this damp underground room can depress anyone... You'd better get outta here, too, guys.
W-well...

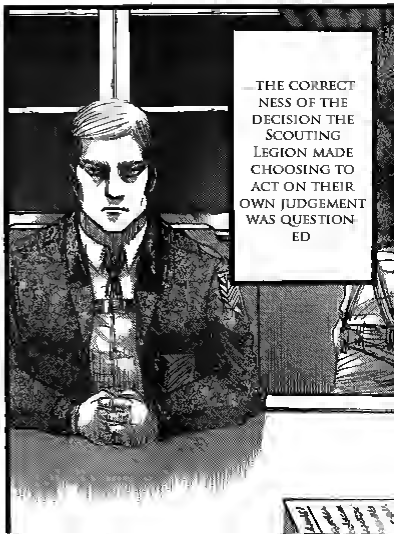
U-understood


I'D BETTER STAY HERE
NO, I..
I THINK YOU ALSO SHOULD GO TO THE MEETING.
MIKASA?
I SEE


THE OFFICIAL SUMMONS OF THE SCOUTING LEGION'S TOP BRASS TO THE CAPITAL WERE PUT ON HOLD FOR THE TIME BEING. BUT...
ON THE DAY OF THE INCIDENT AT THE FACILITY BELONGING TO THE MILITARY POLICE SUBDIVISION IN THE STOHESS DISTRICT A MEETING TO SORT OUT THE EVENTS OF THE DAY WAS HELD.

I HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS FOR YOU REGARDING THE PLAN YOU IMPLEMENTED TODAY.
IRVIN.

...WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK THE MILITARY POLICE FOR COOPERATION?
IF YOU FIRMLY KNEW WHAT GOAL YOU PERSUITED


...THE CORRECTNESS OF THE DECISION THE SCOUTING LEGION MADE CHOOSING TO ACT ON THEIR OWN JUDGEMENT WAS QUESTIONED

District chief... We did not ask for their help because it is impossible to know where the female Type Titan's allies might be hiding.
To ensure the success of this gravely important mission
only those whose innocence could be proven were chosen to participate.
I acknowledge the fact that "the female Type Titan" Annie Leonheart was hiding among the citizens living inside these walls.
But still... what about the heavy damage that the district has suffered during her capture?
The plan was to deal with her without causing damage to the surroundings,
But unfortunately, it did not turn out the way we expected, and property and priceless lives of the citizens were lost.
Our lack of ability was the cause... for which I profoundly apologize
On the other hand, though
If we had let her escape and the wall had been destroyed by her accomplices, the resulting damage would have been many magnitudes greater... That frightening perspective was also one of the reasons why of the two evils we chose the least and acted.

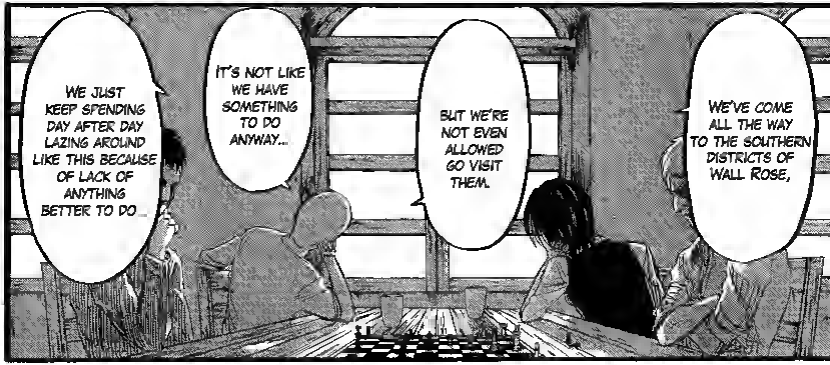
You couldn't get any information out of Annie Leonheart, correct?
But do you have proof that your actions really prevented humanity's demise?
At present, she remains detained in our custody deep underground.
Since her whole body is covered with particularly hard crystal,
it is impossible to question her for information.

YES.
BECAUSE THAT PROVES BEYOND DOUBT THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE HER AMONG US.
NO, I DO NOT THINK SO. IN MY VIEW, THE VERY FACT THAT WE SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING ONE OF THEM IS VALUABLE ENOUGH.
...ALL IN VAIN?
IN OTHER WORDS...
INSIDE THESE WALLS.
ALL THE ENEMIES THAT ARE HIDING
LET US TRACK THEM ALL DOWN AND CORNER THEM.
EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM...

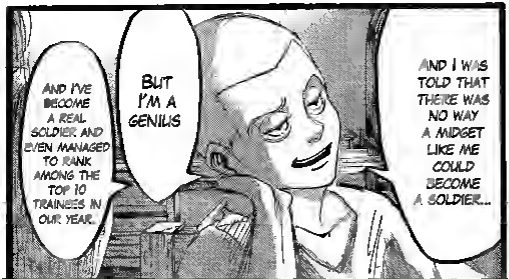
COMMAN-
DER
IRVIN!
BAD
NEWS
!!!
TOUMA?!
WALL
ROSE
IS...
!!!
THE
EVENTS
DESCRIBED
NEXT...

TOOK PLACE 2 DAYS BEFORE THAT MOMENT
DO YOU REALLY THINK ...
...THAT AMONG THOSE CHILDREN...
...THERE IS ANNIE LEONHEART'S ACCOMPLICE?
WELL... I DON'T KNOW...
BUT ...
THIS IS NOT A POSSIBILITY THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO IGNORE.

MY HOME TOWN IS CLOSE BY AS WELL.
MY VILLAGE IS NOT FAR AWAY FROM THIS PLACE.


WE JUST KEEP SPENDING DAY AFTER DAY LAZING AROUND LIKE THIS BECAUSE OF LACK OF ANYTHING BETTER TO DO...
IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE SOMETHING TO DO ANYWAY...
BUT WE'RE NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO GO VISIT THEM.
WE'VE COME ALL THE WAY TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICTS OF WALL ROSE,

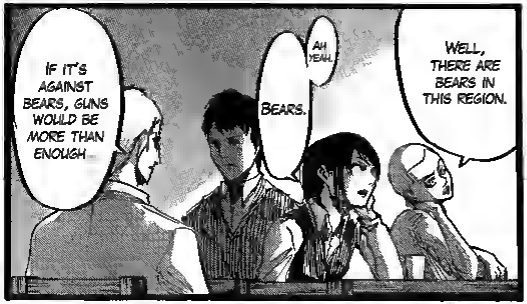
I WAS TOLD NOT TO COME BACK UNTIL AFTER I BECOME A DECENT HUMAN BEING, YOU KNOW...
DO YOU WANT TO GO TO YOUR VILLAGE THAT BAD?


AND I'VE BECOME A REAL SOLDIER AND EVEN MANAGED TO RANK AMONG THE TOP 10 TRAINEES IN OUR YEAR.
BUT I'M A GENIUS
AND I WAS TOLD THAT THERE WAS NO WAY A MIDGET LIKE ME COULD BECOME A SOLDIER...

EEH?
MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST SLIP OUT AT NIGHT?
WELL, EMMA...

I'D LIKE TO GO BACK THERE, IF JUST FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME...
THAT'S WHY THEY ALL WOULD STARE AT ME IF I CAME BACK TO MY VILLAGE.
...WHILE I'M STILL ALIVE.
CONNIE
IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, I'LL HELP YOU OUT.
EH?
.....
DON'T YOU FIND IT ODD...
WHY WOULD YOU?
...THAT WE WERE ORDERED TO STAND BY IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES?
THEY EVEN SPECIFIED THAT WE ARE NOT TO WEAR OUR UNIFORM OR TRAIN...
WE'RE SOLDIERS, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD! SO WHY WOULD THEY ORDER US THAT?

But this place isn't the front lines, we're on the territory inside the walls!
Just what are they preparing to fight with?
But the biggest concern is our superiors: unlike us, they're all fully equipped and ready for battle.


If it's against bears, guns would be more than enough...
Bears.
Ah yeah.
Well, there are bears in this region.

Hnn...

I want to see what our superiors' reaction will be in case you do slip out.
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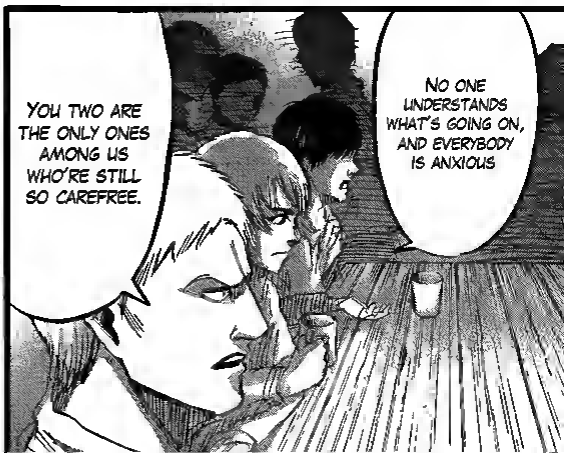
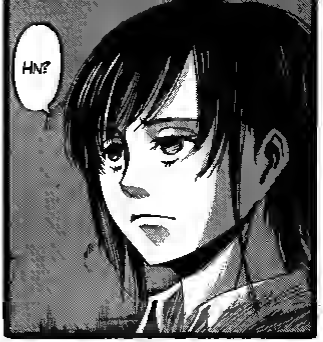

You two are the only ones among us who're still so carefree.
No one understands what's going on, and everybody is anxious

PAM.


HN?

WHAT THE?!
HAH?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SASHA?
I HEAR RUMBLE
THAT SOUNDS LIKE HEAVY FOOT-STEPS!!!

IF YOU'RE SAYING THAT THERE ARE TITANS SOMEWHERE CLOSE BY,
THEN THIS MEANS... WALL ROSE HAS FALLEN...
TOUMA!
MIKE?
TAKE A FAST HORSE AND REPORT THIS TO THE COMMANDERS!
YES?

WALL ROSE... HAS BEEN BREACH-ED!
THEY'RE READY, EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MAIN FORCE AND WITHOUT EQUIPMENT.
THERE WERE NO TITANS AMONG THE SCOUTS OF THE 104 SQUAD...
A VAST NUMBER OF TITANS... ARE INVADING FROM THE SOUTH!

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